

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING GARY JENTES

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Gary Jentes is a resident of Tuscarawas County, Ohio; and

Whereas, Gary Jentes has devoted his love to his wife, Margie, their son, and grandchildren; and

Whereas, Gary Jentes demonstrated a commitment to his country while serving in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, Gary Jentes is active with his community and is appreciated by all who know him.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in recognizing Gary Jentes for his dedication to the United States, his community, family, and friends.

### A TRIBUTE TO W. DON CORNWELL

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of W. Don Cornwell for his dedication to Interfaith Medical Center and continued community efforts.

Don is the founder of Granite Broadcasting Corporation and has been chairman of the board and chief executive officer since 1988. Prior to founding Granite, Mr. Cornwell served as a vice president in the Investment Banking Division of Goldman, Sachs & Co. Granite Broadcasting Corporation owns and operates nine television stations in geographically diverse markets.

Don is also the chairman of the board of the Telecommunications Development Fund, which provides financial capital for small and minority telecommunications businesses. Additionally, he serves on the board of directors of Avon Products, Inc.; Pfizer, Inc.; CVS Corporation; and the Wallace Foundation. He is also a trustee of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NYC.

Most recently, for his humanitarian efforts and contributions to the Interfaith Medical Center, Don is receiving the Spirit Award for Excellence in Humanitarian Service from the center.

Mr. Speaker, W. Don Cornwell has used his position as a national leader in the investment and telecommunications industries to strengthen and improve our community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

### CONGRATULATING RABBI SAMUEL K. SANDHAUS AS HE IS HON- ORED BY B'NAI B'RITH

#### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Rabbi Samuel Sandhaus as he is honored today by B'nai B'rith.

Rabbi Sandhaus has an impressive educational and work background. He has been the executive director of the Jewish Home of eastern Pennsylvania since 1983. He graduated from Yeshiva University in 1968, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in economics. He went on to attain his master's degree in Bible and was ordained. In 1976 he received his MBA in Finance and Management from Boston University and in 1979 was licensed as a nursing home administrator by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In 1984 and in 1987, he received post-graduate certificates in Health Services Administration and Gerontology from Marywood University.

From 1971 through 1979, Rabbi Sandhaus served as a Chaplain and Pastoral Counselor for the United States Army. Rabbi Sandhaus has served in Fort Carson, CO; Nuremberg, Germany; Staten Island, NY; and with the 101st Airborne in Fort Campbell, KY. Rabbi Sandhaus was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for his service.

Rabbi Sandhaus is a past president of the Scranton chapter of Sigma Phi Omega, National Gerontology Academic and Professional Honor Society. He is a past president of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging. In addition, Rabbi Sandhaus has served as past Co-chairman of the Quality Assurance Committee of the Association of Jewish Aging Services.

Within the Scranton community, Rabbi Sandhaus has served as a division cochairman in multiple United Jewish Campaigns. He is a member of the board of directors of the Scranton Hebrew Day School, where he served as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. He has also served on the board of directors of the Scranton Counseling Center as a member of its Finance Committee.

Rabbi Sandhaus is currently the Chaplain of the Sandy Weissberger/Leon Kaplan Post 165 Jewish War Veterans and he is the secretary/treasurer of the Webster Towers high-rise for the aging. He is an instructor at Marywood University's School of Continuing Education and is a Management Consultant for the Elan Gardens for the Assisted Living Facility. Rabbi Sandhaus is a member of the board of directors of the United Way.

In addition to his civic service, Rabbi Sandhaus is, above all, a devoted husband and father. He is married to Sonia, and the couple is blessed with 8 lovely children and 11 wonderful grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and an honor to represent a man who is so dedicated to serving his community. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to Rabbi Sandhaus as he receives this well-deserved honor.

### HONORING RICHARD J. BADOLATO

#### HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard J. Badolato of Essex County, NJ.

For more than 35 years, Richard Badolato has been a leader in our community and a tireless advocate of protecting the integrity of the professional law practice.

After attending Fairfield University and Rutgers Law School in Newark, Richard began practicing law in 1965 and has remained a leading figure in New Jersey's legal society. All his life he has advocated an approach to law that takes ethics and honesty into account.

Richard served as president of the Essex County Bar Association in 1977 and was a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association for over 20 years before becoming president in 2002. As a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Professional Ethics he has worked to shape New Jersey's current legal landscape. After founding the New Jersey Fairfield University Area Club and serving on the Fairfield University Advisory Council he was awarded the Alumni Service Award by his alma mater in 1997.

The hard work and dedication of Richard Badolato has not only strengthened the legal field in New Jersey but also the local community. It is in his honor that I stand before you today.

### HONORING THE MEMORY OF ARMY STAFF SERGEANT OMER T. HAW- KINS II OF ADAMS COUNTY, OH, WHO DIED IN IRAQ

#### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Army Staff Sergeant Omer T. Hawkins II, a brave soldier who died Thursday, October 14, 2004 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sgt. Hawkins died when his military convoy was hit by a roadside explosive device.

Sgt. Hawkins was from Cherry Fork, Ohio, in Adams County, an area I represent. He was, people have said, the epitome of an all around great guy—polite, intelligent, and outgoing. At 10 years old, he first told people he wanted to enlist in the Army. At North Adams

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High School near Seaman, Ohio. Sgt. Hawkins was popular with his peers, and voted "Most Likely to Succeed" in his graduating class. An academic standout, he was active in citizenship and Ohio history competitions. He also served on the debate team and played basketball.

After graduation in 1991, Sgt. Hawkins enlisted in the Army. He was a noncommissioned officer in the Army assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion stationed in Camp Howze in Korea.

Sgt. Hawkins was the son of Lisa Christman of Hillsboro, Ohio. His late father, William Hawkins, was an engineer in the Marines who passed away in 1977. Sgt. Hawkins is also survived by a sister, Cherry Hawkins, of Cincinnati. His younger brother, Sgt. James Hawkins, is in the Missouri National Guard and stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri.

There was a celebration of Sgt. Hawkins' life in Adams County, and he was buried next to his father at Locust Grove Cemetery in Peebles, Ohio. All of us in Southern Ohio are grateful for Sgt. Hawkins' service to our country, and express our deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE RICHARD D.  
KUHN

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Richard D. Kuhn recognize his civic duty and 32 years of judicial service in Oakland County, Michigan.

Judge Kuhn learned of law early in life as a Congressional Page in the U.S. Congress. Later, after completing an undergraduate degree from Michigan State University he received his Juris Doctor from the Detroit College of Law.

He was a successful small businessman and quickly found himself immersed in local politics. He was a Republican nominee for offices at the local, county, state and federal level. He contributed to the writing of the state constitution as a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention.

Highly respected by his colleagues, Judge Kuhn's 32 years of service on the bench include three terms as Chief Judge in addition to working as the supervising judge of a Citizens Grand Jury. In both of these positions he was elected by his contemporaries, showing his valued opinion and expertise.

Judge Kuhn led both community and professional organizations. He was a past director of both the Optimist and Kiwanis Clubs of Pontiac, Michigan. He was Chairman of the Board of the Central United Methodist Church in Waterford, Michigan. He is the past president of the Detroit College of Law Alumni Association. In addition, he has led numerous local Bar Associations. In service to the state of Michigan, he served on former governor John Engler's Criminal Justice Advisory Council.

Judge Kuhn is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Bar Association, and both the Michigan and American Judges Association. He is also a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Richard D. Kuhn, highly regarded for his judicial integrity, is deserving of this recognition for his professional and dedicated service as Oakland County, Michigan's Circuit Court Judge.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES  
JOSEPH WEBB

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, SGT Charles Joseph Webb, 22, of Hamilton, Ohio, died on November 3, 2004 in Iraq. Sergeant Webb was an engineer with the A Company, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division of Bamberg, Germany, and was killed when the armored personnel carrier he was riding in was struck by an explosive device. He is survived by his wife Stephanie, as well as his parents Joe and Barbara Webb of Alexandria, Alabama.

Sergeant Webb was eager to serve his country, Mr. Speaker, and dreamed of one day becoming an elementary school teacher. He attended school in the Saks area as a young boy and married his high school sweetheart after moving to Ohio. Like every other soldier, he dutifully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Sergeant Webb died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

PROVIDING CBO COST ESTIMATE  
FOR H.R. 775

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, on October 6, 2004, the Committee on the Judiciary filed its report on H.R. 775, the "Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2003." At that time, the Committee had not received a Congressional Budget Office cost estimate for the bill, and it filed the report with a committee cost estimate as provided in clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the

House of Representatives. Subsequently, the Committee received the CBO cost estimate on H.R. 775, and I am submitting it here for the RECORD.

OCTOBER 27, 2004.

Hon. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER JR.,  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 775, the Security and Fairness Enhancement Act of 2003.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Joseph C. Whitehill, who can be reached at 226-2840.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS HOLTZ-EAKIN.

Enclosure

H.R. 775—Security and Fairness Enhancement Act of 2003

Summary: H.R. 775 would eliminate the diversity immigrant program. The costs of implementing that program are covered by fees charged to winning applicants in a lottery for a limited number of immigrant visas. The fees are credited to State Department and Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) accounts as offsetting collections and offsetting receipts, respectively. (Offsetting collections are a credit against discretionary spending, while offsetting receipts are a credit against direct spending.)

CBO estimates that enacting the bill would decrease collections and spending by the Department of State and the CIS; however, changes in net spending by those agencies would not be significant. Enacting H.R. 775 would lower the number of persons eligible for food stamps and Medicaid benefits. CBO estimates spending for those programs would be reduced by \$164 million over the 2005-2014 period. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

Each year, the Department of State issues about 50,000 immigrant visas under the diversity immigrant program to natives of foreign states which the U.S. Attorney General determines have had a low ratio of immigrants admitted under the other sections of the immigration law. The immigrants are selected randomly by the Secretary of State from among persons who submit applications in a special lottery for the visas. Persons apply in one fiscal year for visas to be issued in the coming fiscal year. Applicants must meet minimum requirements for education or work experience and otherwise be eligible for immigrant visas as specified in the Immigration and Nationality Act. Those selected in the diversity lottery must obtain their visas by the end of the fiscal year covered by the lottery.

H.R. 775 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA); CBO estimates that states would save about \$45 million in Medicaid costs over the 2005-2014 period.

Estimated cost to the Federal Government: The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 775 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 550 (health) and function 600 (income security). In addition, the bill would have an insignificant effect on net spending in budget function 150 (international affairs) and budget function 750 (administration of justice).

By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
CHANGES IN DIRECT SPENDING										
Estimated Budget Authority .....	*	-1	-3	-4	-5	-9	-18	-29	-41	-54
Estimated Outlays .....	*	-1	-3	-4	-5	-9	-18	-29	-41	-54

Note.—\* = less than \$500,000.

Basis of estimate: For this estimate, CBO assumes the bill will be enacted before the end of the calendar year 2004 and that the restrictions on issuing new visas will take effect immediately. By eliminating the diversity visa lottery, H.R. 775 would decrease the number of immigrants who become legal permanent residents by about 44,000 each year—not all persons selected immigrate to the United States within the period in which the visas are valid. Fewer permanent legal residents would, over time, lower the enrollment for benefits under the Food Stamp and Medicaid programs and thus lower estimated spending for those programs.

#### Food Stamps

While adult immigrants have a five-year waiting period for benefits, legal permanent residents under the age of 18 are automatically eligible for food stamps. CBO estimates that there will be about 440,000 fewer legal permanent residents over the 10-year period. Based on data from the Current Population Survey on participation by noncitizens before the changes in eligibility that were enacted in 1996, CBO estimates that by 2009, 4,000 fewer children would receive food stamps. Overall, CBO estimates that by 2014 about 23,000 fewer people would receive food stamps. Food Stamp program costs would decrease by \$13 million over the 2005–2009 period and \$105 million over the 2009–2014 period.

#### Medicaid

By decreasing the number of legal permanent residents, H.R. 775 would reduce the number of individuals enrolling in the Medicaid program. Under Medicaid law, immigrants entering the United States after August 22, 1996, are subject to a five-year ban from receiving Medicaid coverage. CBO expects that certain participants in the diversity visa program (mainly children, pregnant women, and some disabled people) will qualify for Medicaid five years after entering the United States. CBO estimates that by 2014, about 9,000 fewer people would receive Medicaid than under current law and that federal Medicaid spending would decrease by about \$59 million over the 2010–2014 period.

#### State Department

Applicants pay no fee for submitting an application to the Department of State for the special lottery; however, there is a \$100 special processing fee payable to the Department of State by persons whose entries are selected and processed at a U.S. consulate. The applicants must also pay the regular visa fees at the time of visa issuance. The special processing fee generates about \$5 million in offsetting collections for the Department of State each year. The bill would lower collections by the Department of State, but spending would also decline by the amount of forgone collections.

#### Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

The CIS currently charges fees totaling \$385 to register each selected applicant as a permanent U.S. resident. CBO estimates that CIS collects and spends about \$20 million annually in fees from diversity immigrants—a small fraction of more than \$1 billion in fees the agency collects and spends each year to administer programs relating to the entry of aliens. CBO estimates that eliminating the diversity visa program would reduce fee collections by about \$20 million annually, but

that spending would also decrease by an equivalent amount, so there would be no significant net budgetary effect.

Estimated impact on State, local, and tribal governments: H.R. 775 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA. By decreasing the number of legal permanent residents in the United States, the bill would reduce the number of individuals enrolling in the Medicaid program. CBO estimates that the change would result in a savings for states of about \$45 million over the 2005–2014 period.

Estimated impact on the private sector: The bill contains no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

Estimate prepared by: Federal Costs: State Department: Joseph C. Whitehill (226–2840). Citizen and Immigration Services: Mark Grabowicz (226–2860). Food Stamps: Kathleen FitzGerald (226–2820). Medicaid: Jeanne De Sa (226–9010). Impact on State, Local, and Tribal Governments: Melissa Merrell (225–3220). Impact on the Private Sector: Amina Masood (226–2940).

Estimate approved by: Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE PRINCETON TOWNSHIP AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

#### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Princeton Township Affordable Housing Program, formed on November 18, 1984, by the adoption of Ordinance No. 84–31. This program began well before the New Jersey Supreme Court mandated affordable housing in each municipality throughout the State, and preceded the establishment of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing. The program has shown over the years Princeton Townships' commitment to maintaining a diverse population, and has been consistent in its dedication to provide housing opportunities for low and moderate income individuals who reside within the Princeton community. Princeton was far ahead of other towns.

To oversee the implementation of the Affordable Housing Program, the Princeton Township Housing Board was created. Since its inception, the Housing Board has developed hundreds of housing units in and around the greater Princeton area, the largest of which are the Princeton Community Village, Reading Circle, Griggs Farm, and Washington Oaks. In addition to the creation of a great number of housing units, the board has also established and funded a municipal Downpayment Assistance Program and Condominium Fee Assistance Program; these programs aim to assist those with low or moderate incomes in either initially purchasing or continuing to afford low and moderate income housing units. The Housing Board has also explored housing

for developmentally disabled individuals and seniors of low income. They have also partnered with Habitat for Humanity in building two units of affordable housing.

For the past 20 years, the program has never wavered in its commitment to affordable housing, and has continued to provide housing opportunities for a wide range of people from diverse economic and social backgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Princeton Township Affordable Housing Program for its commendable and exemplary work in ensuring affordable housing exists in New Jersey and wish it many years of continued success.

### A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. AND MRS. ROBISON

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Walter and Virginia Robison were united in marriage on August 26, 1944; and Whereas, Walter and Virginia Robison are celebrating 60 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Walter and Virginia Robison have demonstrated love and commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Walter and Virginia Robison must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Walter and Virginia Robison have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples;

Therefore, I join with Walter and Virginia Robison's family, friends, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Walter and Virginia Robison as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

### A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DAVID K. BRAWLEY

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend David K. Brawley for his spiritual guidance and dedication to improving our community.

Rev. Brawley cultivated a relationship with God's Word when he was quite young. At the age of sixteen, he responded to God's will and was ordained by Rev. Winfred Pippen. He became the youth minister at First Baptist Church of Deer Park, New York, where he maintained his membership for thirteen years.

Rev. Brawley began his full time career in the ministry in 1994 at St. Paul Community Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. An integral part of church leadership, Rev. Brawley is the coordinator for the Men-in-Training for

the Board of Elders, and an on-call teacher to the congregation. Currently serving as the assistant pastor, Rev. Brawley is the principal assistant to senior pastor Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood in a variety of capacities such as pastoral counseling, officiating at sacred events such as weddings, baby dedications and funerals, leading worship services, teaching and community organizing.

In particular, Rev. Brawley's organizing efforts play a dynamic role in the church's community development activities. He is a member of the Governance Board of East Brooklyn Congregations (EBC) and the EBC Strategy Team. In his position at EBC, Rev. Brawley has been an outspoken advocate for public school reform, and has addressed issues such as public safety, housing and quality of life concerns on behalf of neighborhood residents. Rev. Brawley's community involvement also encompasses his role as Vice President of EDIFY Communities of East New York. EDIFY seeks to increase the vitality and value of urban communities by pooling resources and charitable funds.

In October 2004, Rev. Brawley joined the ranks of distinguished alumni of the Faith Seminary in Tacoma, Washington, having earned his Master's degree in Theological Studies. Rev. Brawley plans to continue his studies at Faith and plans to obtain a Doctor of Ministry degree.

As Rev. Brawley contemplates the growth of ministry, his four priorities are creating a vibrant worship experience, edifying God's people, community organizing, and economic development. As a pastor, Rev. Brawley possesses the gifts of exhortation, inspiration, motivation and encouragement. He shares these gifts not only in worship services, but also with the community in a variety of venues, such as men's conferences, revivals and youth groups. Rev. Brawley resides in Brooklyn, New York with his wife Debra and their two children, Rhonesha and Michael.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend David K. Brawley has been a leader in our community through his spiritual guidance at St. Paul Community Baptist Church and consistent efforts to improve the schools, housing and overall quality of life in Brooklyn. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

**CONGRATULATING THE TAYLOR LIONS CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my respected colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Taylor Lions Club as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary at St. George's Hall in Taylor.

The Lions Club of Taylor began its charter on Nov. 15, 1954. Sponsored by the Old Forge Lions Club, the Taylor Club chose Jay Fahringer as its Inaugural President. Over the next 46 years, the Club would have two members, Lion Dominic DeAngelo and Lion Joseph Canjar, serve in the esteemed position of Area District Governor.

Canjar and Lion Francis Scott received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for Dedicated Humanitarian Service from the Lions Club International Foundation, the highest award that a member can receive.

The Lions Club has a long-standing tradition of civic duty and pride. I cannot think of a better example for our young people than business people taking responsibility for their communities and neighbors. Lions Club members have been dedicated to giving their time, talent and resources to help our world become a better place since 1917. The Lions Club is one of the largest service organizations worldwide.

Lions Clubs are best known for their work with sight conservation, taking on the challenge after Helen Keller proposed it in 1925. Lions Clubs raise money for a variety of sight-preserving activities, from providing eyeglasses to paying for cataract surgery for needy people.

The District 14-H Lions Eye Bank was initiated by then-District Governor Dominic DeAngelo in 1958. Lion Merwyn Howells was instrumental with the inception of the Sergeant Seymore Program, sponsored by the Lackawanna Blind Association. The program educates third-graders about sight conservation and eye safety, and it concludes with a poster contest.

The District 14-H Lions Eye Bank Banner Patch for the most Cornea Eye Pledge Cards in a year was achieved in 1992, during Lion President John Souter's term. The Taylor Lions Club has continually provided eyeglasses to senior citizens and other members of the community throughout the years.

The District 14-H Hearing Committee's annual donation to the Scranton School for the Deaf began during Lion Joe Canjar's term in 1980. This tradition continues today.

Since the Club's beginning, members have provided wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, crutches, canes and personal safety items for all citizens of the community.

Over the past 15 years, the Taylor Lions Club's principal fundraiser has been a Holiday Basketball Tournament that features both girls' and boys' high school teams from Riverside School District and the surrounding area. This annual tournament is the only one of its kind to feature both a girls' and a boys' division. Eugene Evanish, Ted Evanish and Joseph Roberts have co-chaired the event since it began.

The Taylor Lions Club is also the first club in the history of District 14-H to have its Club Pin voted No. 1 in the state of Pennsylvania. Member Francis Scott designed the winning emblem.

The Taylor Lions Club has also taken an active role in District 14-H with members Joe Canjar (as past District Governor), Mike Cole, Gene King, Fran DeAngelo, Gene Evanish, Ted Evanish, Neil DeAngelo, Robert Thomas, Lisa Mekilo and Francis Scott all serving in the District Cabinet in recent years.

The Taylor Lions Club has sponsored teams in the Taylor Little League, Taylor Girls' Softball Association, Boys Biddy Basketball League, T.C.C. Girls Basketball League, Boy Scout Troop 85 and Cub Scout Troop 90.

The Taylor Lions Junior Football Organization was even named after the club, which sponsored it from 1970 through 2000. Lion Frank Messoline was one of the primary organizers of the program, while Lion Mike Krypel

was primarily responsible for its present complex.

The Taylor Lions Club, in conjunction with the R&L Civic Club, American Legion Post 306 and the Taylor Borough Council, organized an Easter Egg Hunt in 1985 that has become an annual event for the area's children.

Lion J. Dennis Kryzanowski began the Taylor Lions Scholarship Award at Riverside Junior/Senior High School.

Two hundred and fifty-seven residents of Taylor have been past or present members of the Lions Club since its beginning in 1954. Lion Lisa Scott Mekilo was the first woman to join the Taylor Lions Club and became the Club's first female president in 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in paying tribute to such a wonderful service organization. It is my honor to represent the members of the Taylor Lions Club in the United States Congress.

**HONORING FRANCIS J. LOMBARDI**

**HON. MIKE FERGUSON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Francis J. Lombardi of Essex County, New Jersey.

For more than 30 years, Francis Lombardi has been a leader in one of the most vital aspects of our community. While raising a family, he has been a tireless advocate of protecting and fostering the transportation relationship between New York and New Jersey.

Francis began his work with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in 1971 as an engineering trainee and has risen through the ranks to his current position as Chief Engineer for The Port Authority.

Always making safety his top priority, his work with the Port Authority gained him recognition and reputation for continued safe and efficient operating. Richard's work affects the daily lives of millions of residents of New York and New Jersey and with the turbulent world we live in it has never been more vital to ensure the safety and security of our citizens in every aspect of their lives. His contributions continue into the realm of education. His hands on approach and dedication to our youth over the years has earned him a position on the Board of Directors of the Salvadori Educational Center, a non profit educational center dedicated to helping inner-city youth appreciate science and mathematics.

Francis Lombardi has been a tremendous asset to both New Jersey and New York. His work over the years has unquestionably made New Jersey and New York safer places to live and commute. It is in his honor that I stand before you today.

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING COLLIER DILL**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Collier Dill is a resident of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County; and

Whereas, Collier Dill has devoted his love to his wife, Nancy, and their son, Joseph; and

Whereas, Collier Dill demonstrated a commitment to his country while serving in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, Collier Dill is active with his church and community and is appreciated by all who know him.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in recognizing Collier Dill for his dedication to the United States, his community, family, and friends.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF ERNEST J. WAITS SR., A CINCINNATI CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER

#### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a friend and hero, Ernest J. Waits Sr. of Cincinnati, who passed away on October 19, 2004.

Mr. Waits was a pioneering civil rights activist. He worked his whole lifetime for desegregation and to open doors for African Americans. Born in Flat Rock, Georgia in 1920, he moved to Cincinnati with his family in 1922 and grew up in Cincinnati's West End. Mr. Waits was known to say that he became a civil rights fighter one day when school textbooks at Sands School were in short supply, and he was told he could not share a textbook with a white student. He challenged injustice, as he put it, "I've been challenging things all the way through."

And he has. At Woodward High School in 1935, Mr. Waits called for integration of the swimming pool and the prom. In 1939, at age 19, he wanted to see comedian Eddie "Rochester" Anderson at Cincinnati's Schubert Theater. He insisted on being admitted, employing a strategy of civil disobedience later embraced by others in the civil rights movement. From that point on, Mr. Waits joined with others in Cincinnati who pushed for desegregation and civil rights.

In breaking race barriers, Mr. Waits held many Cincinnati "firsts." In 1947, he became the first African American Cincinnati radio disc jockey. For twelve years, he played jazz for a number of local stations, and was known for his creative programming in an era when there were few alternatives for African Americans. From 1958 to 1960, he was the first African American in Cincinnati to be an assistant sales manager for two auto dealerships. In 1960, he attended Northwestern University to study investment banking, and returned to Cincinnati to become the first African American New York Stock Exchange registered broker. He was the first African American to work for Cincinnati & Suburban Bell Telephone Company, and in the 1970s, he pioneered the concept of magnet schools to encourage inclusiveness and voluntary school desegregation.

He received many honors for his volunteer and community service, including a key to the city of Cincinnati and the "Mayor's Hometown Hero" award; a Cincinnati City Council resolution recognizing him as a leader in the ongoing campaign for racial equality; the Black

Male Coalition's 1993 Living Hero Award; the 1992 Broadcasting Hall of Fame Award; the Cincinnati Historical Society's Best in Broadcasting Hall of Fame Award; and an Amistad Foundation Award. He served in the U.S. Army as a mechanic based in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Mr. Waits' wife of 37 years, Betty, died in 1986, and a son, Eric Wilson Waits, died in March 2004. He is survived by a son, Ernest J. Waits, Jr.; three daughters, Kym Zimmers of North Avondale and Diane "Taffi" Weaver of Forest Park, and Shelley Moon of Los Angeles; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

All of us in Cincinnati are grateful for the gift of Ernest Waits' life and his inspiration.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BILL AND GLADYS JENNINGS

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, on October 30, 2004, Bill and Gladys Jennings, of Calhoun County, Alabama, will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Members of Saks Baptist Church in Saks, Alabama, for over 25 years, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings met through mutual friends and have always resided in the Calhoun community. They have one son, Jeff.

The Jennings love gardening and landscaping, and after long careers in the community have retired to enjoy their outdoor activities and spend time with their family and friends. Mr. Jennings is also an avid golfer.

Mr. Speaker, it's not often we have the opportunity to honor a distinguished couple like the Jennings. Thank you for the House's attention on this proud occasion.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE OAKLAND LIVINGSTON HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY

#### HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency as it celebrates its 40th anniversary as a community action agency. I commend their years of service and dedication to improving our community.

In 1964, the Economic Opportunity Act was enacted into law and provided stimulation and incentive for urban and rural communities to mobilize their resources to combat poverty through community action programs. That same year, Judge Carl F. Ingraham, Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy, and James P. Dickerson created the nonprofit agency, the Oakland County Commission of Economic Opportunity (OCCEO) to serve Oakland County, Michigan. In 1965, the new agency received its first Federal grant, \$77,000 from the Office of Economic Opportunity. This money allowed the opening of OCCEO's central office in Pontiac, Michigan and the hiring of James M. McNeely as its first executive officer.

During its first 10 years, OCCEO served the Oakland County community in an effort to eliminate the causes and consequences of poverty. In 1975, OCCEO began serving Livingston County and the agency's name was changed to the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA).

Today, OLHSA's mission is to enable the low income, elderly, and people with disabilities living in Oakland and Livingston Counties to become self-sufficient. Over the years, OLHSA has worked to reduce poverty by focusing all available resources toward helping low income individuals and families acquire the skills and knowledge they need to improve their personal quality of life. Today, the agency operates 74 programs, employs 575 people, and has an annual budget of more than \$30 million.

The work OLHSA has done for our community is truly remarkable. I had the opportunity to see their good work first-hand last year when I celebrated National Homeownership Month with families that OLHSA had helped. Through OLHSA's sponsored home-buying counseling classes, families participated in eight weeks of counseling and education designed to deal with budget and credit issues. This led them to their ability to qualify for an affordable mortgage and make their homeownership dreams come true. This is just one example of the many programs that OLHSA provides to our citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the contributions that OLHSA has made over the past 40 years to our community and wish them continued success.

#### A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JOHN LELAND HALEY

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, John Leland Haley has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, John Leland Haley has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, John Leland Haley has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, John Leland Haley must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Crooksville, the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio, John's family and friends in congratulating John Leland Haley as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MILTON MARSHALL

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Milton Marshall in recognition of his service to New York City and his country.

Milton was born and raised in Harlem, New York; he is the brother of two younger sisters Arnelle, a New York City police officer, and Patricia. After graduating high school, Milton served 4 years in the United States Air Force. Milton married his wife, Marjorie and became the proud father of three beautiful children: Eric, Cheryl, and Deborah. He is also the grandfather of Kimberly, Gregory, Cherenia, and Kortaney. He received his associate degree in applied science from New York University.

Milton has proudly served his country and has been recognized accordingly for his efforts. He worked for 22 years with the New York State Labor Department as a veterans service representative. In recognition of his work, Milton received an award from Mayor James Garner of the Village of Hempstead for dedicated service to veterans. He also received a certificate of appreciation from Governor Mario Cuomo, and a certificate from the United States Department of Labor for completing the NVTI Veterans Benefits Training Course at the University of Denver.

Milton is a valuable community activist. He served as a Prince Hall Mason in 1980 and Senior Warden of Lebanon Lodge #54. He is a Past High Priest of Royal Eagle Chapter #27 Holy Royal Arch Mason. He served as Illustrious Commander in Chief for 2 years (L.I. Consistory #61). Milton served as the Past Illustrious Potentate of Abu Bekr Temple #91, and as the Past President of the Long Island Shrine Club.

Mr. Speaker, Milton Marshall has dedicated his life to serving his country and his community through his active participation in a vast array of civic organizations. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

CONGRATULATING GEORGE  
VITANOVEC AS HE CELEBRATES  
HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend George Vitanovec, who is retiring from the Teamsters Local 401. He was honored at the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council Dinner at Pittston Convention Hall on October 29, 2004.

George Vitanovec has been a dedicated Teamster since 1968. He worked for Acme Warehouse in Forty Fort for 22 years and represented the members as their shop steward. George was first elected as Vice President of Local 401 in 1990 and then elected President of Local 401 in 1993. He was elected for five consecutive terms and retired on June 30, 2004.

George was a veteran of the United States Army and served a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1965–1966. He was honorably discharged in 1967.

George has been involved with many organizations such as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council, Teamsters Joint Council, Teamsters International and also the United Way just to name a few. He has been dedicated to many organizations within the com-

munity. He was a coach for St. Therese Little League, South Wilkes-Barre Mini Mohawks, Founder and President for the YMCA wrestling program and was also a baseball coach for Meyers High School. He is a member of the St. Nicholas Church, Holy Name Society, North End Slovak Club and the Brookside American Legion. He is also an avid fisherman and hunter.

George is above all a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He is married to Shirley Morio Vitanovec. He has a daughter Kerry Ann, a son George Jr., a son-in-law Kevin and a daughter-in-law Susan. He has twin grandsons Michael and Patrick Flaherty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in congratulating George Vitanovec and wish him all the best for a well deserved retirement.

HONORING THE CENTRAL NEW  
JERSEY CHAPTER OF THE AMER-  
ICAN SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL  
SECURITY

**HON. MIKE FERGUSON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Central New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security on their 25th Anniversary. In 1979 a group of ASIS members chaired by Douglas Goode convened to form the Central New Jersey Chapter which has now grown to include over 300 members who represent the public and private sectors of the Security Industry.

ASIS is the preeminent organization for security professionals, with more than 33,000 members worldwide. Founded in 1955, the organization is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security professionals by developing educational programs on broad and specific security concerns. ASIS also advocates the role and value of the security management profession to business, the media, government entities, and the public.

I commend all the members of the Central New Jersey Chapter of ASIS for their tireless work concerning the state of security in Central New Jersey. Their efforts are an excellent reflection on ASIS international and make Central New Jersey a safer place for those who live and work there.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF  
SERGEANT RICHARD MORGAN

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of Sgt. Richard Morgan upon the death of this outstanding soldier; and

Whereas, Sgt. Richard Morgan was a member of the 660th Transportation Company out of Cadiz, serving his great nation in the country of Iraq; and

Whereas, Sgt. Richard Morgan was a loving son to his parents, Donna and Harold Arnold,

as well as a caring husband to his wife, Diana; and

Whereas, Sgt. Richard Morgan was an active citizen in his community and did his best to make his country a better place to live; and

Whereas, Sgt. Richard Morgan will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous Marine, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Sgt. Richard Morgan.

SPECIALIST KEITH MATTHEW  
MAUPIN OF BATAVIA, OH, IS  
HONORED IN PENTAGON'S PRES-  
TIGIOUS WARRIOR ETHOS EX-  
HIBIT

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Specialist Keith Matthew "Matt" Maupin of Batavia, Ohio, whose name was added last Wednesday to the Pentagon's prestigious Warrior Ethos Exhibit.

Spc. Maupin, 21, has been missing in action in Iraq since April 9, 2004, when his convoy came under attack outside Baghdad by rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. He was the first known U.S. serviceman to be captured by insurgents and is now the longest held military hostage in wartime since the end of the Vietnam War. Spec. Maupin is an Army Reservist with the 724th Transport Company stationed in Bartonville, Illinois.

Spc. Maupin went to Iraq to fight for freedom for the Iraqi people and for a safer world without the brutal dictatorship of Saddam Hussein. Spc. Maupin is an American hero, and we are grateful for his bravery and courage.

In our area of southern Ohio, there has been an outpouring of support for Spc. Maupin and for the Maupin family. Matt's parents, Carolyn and Keith Maupin, have set a tremendous example of hope and faith, and unqualified support for our troops. Spc. Maupin's father is a veteran, and his brother, Lance Corporal Micah Maupin, is a Marine stationed in Miramar, California. Spc. Maupin is one of the best and brightest. A scholar athlete in high school, he is viewed by his fellow soldiers as a skilled, professional and compassionate soldier.

Last Wednesday, Spc. Matt Maupin's name was added to the Pentagon's prestigious Warrior Ethos Exhibit. This display honors the service and sacrifice of soldiers living the Warrior Ethos, including Spc. Maupin. Composed of three diagonal LCD panels, it features the Army Star; a sampling of the more than 30,000 "To Our Troops" virtual notes sent to service men and women by the American people; and images of faces of soldiers everywhere. The words, "We Honor and Appreciate," "We Remember," and "We Take Care of Our Soldiers" are inscribed on the panels. Above all, this tribute is an enduring legacy to soldiers, like Spc. Maupin, who are keeping us safe and free today.

Perhaps the Army's "Soldiers Creed" states the commitment of these outstanding young

men and women best: “. . . I always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life. . . . I am an American Soldier.” This is Spc. Matt Maupin.

All of us are proud of Matt Maupin and his family, and we pray for his safe return.

#### A TRIBUTE TO NEW LOTS COMMUNITY CHURCH

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of New Lots Community Church in Brooklyn, NY, in commemoration of its 180th anniversary and spiritual leadership in the community.

Around 1667, the area of New Lots, originally known as Eastwoods, was reportedly purchased by the Dutch from the Canarsie or the Rockaway Indians. The town of New Lots extended from what is now Highland Park on the north to Jamaica Bay on the south and from Rockaway Avenue on the west to Elderts Lane on the east. During the early years of the settlement, the most important highway in the area was the New Lots Road frequently noted in historical accounts of the Revolutionary War. In all this vast acreage of New Lots, there was no church. The residents had to travel by horse and wagon to Flatlands or Flatbush churches for services, marriages, and baptisms.

New Lots was part of a collegium of six churches sharing a ministry: Flatbush, Flatlands, Brooklyn, New Utrecht, Bushwick, and Gravesend. These churches are still part of the Brooklyn Classis. An elder and deacon from New Lots served on the Collegiate Consistory. Consistory meetings consisted of one minister serving six churches with a widely scattered membership. Rev. Malcom Evens in his historical sketch written for the 140th Anniversary Celebration retells how New Lots was built. In 1821 an “Act of God,” as hurricanes are often called, hastened a decision by the residents of New Lots to build their own church. The hurricane toppled many oak trees. The Dutch, noted for being a frugal and prudent people, accepted God’s gift of lumber. After the wood had seasoned for about a year and a half, they began to cut, hew and saw the trees in preparation for building their house of worship. Abraham and Cornelia Van Siclen deeded over to the building committee one-quarter acre of land on New Lots and Schenck Avenue. In 1832 a fundraiser was held and volunteer workers and well wishers came from near and far. Through the united efforts of the congregation, this House of God was reportedly built for somewhere between \$25 to \$35. This small colonial clapboard structure, unique in New York, was designated an official city landmark in 1966.

Wooden pegs secure this building of colonial architecture with timber notched and joined. It stands today as a tribute to the soundness of the craftsmanship of the Dutch people. In 1972, in order to meet the growing needs of the community, the church built the educational complex next door—The New Lots Family Center. Within the last year and a half an entire renovation of the Family Center was undertaken. Over the years, the church build-

ing began to lean and a large wooden truss broke in the ceiling. In 1990, the congregation was compelled to vacate the sanctuary and have worship in the New Lots Family Center until repairs could be made. Upon completion of the renovations, the sanctuary was rededicated in 1991.

The original and official name is the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the town of New Lots. However over the years, the church has gone through several name changes. In the early 1980s, the church obtained the current name of the New Lots Community Church, R.C.A. to be used as an assumed name. Today within these hallow walls, sons and daughters of slaves boldly bear witness to God’s Amazing Grace. In 1975, the Rev. Dennis A. Westbrook became the first African American pastor of New Lots Community Church, R.C.A. In 1979, the Rev. Dr. William T. Coles became the second African American pastor of this great historic church. He labored in the vineyard for 20 years ministering to members, friends, and the community of New Lots Community Church. In 2002, the Rev. DeLafayette Aikward became the third African American pastor. Under his leadership, the church is currently embarking on new and exciting ministries. New Lots Community Church has always been a beacon of hope in the community and remains actively involved in the community as they continue to strive for excellence in their mission to win souls.

Mr. Speaker, New Lots Community Church has been a source of community and spiritual leadership in Brooklyn for 180 years. As such, it is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable church and its congregation.

CONGRATULATING DAVID  
SCHWAGER, AS HE IS HONORED  
UPON COMPLETION OF HIS TERM  
AS PRESIDENT OF TEMPLE  
ISRAEL

#### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my good friend David Schwager as he is honored upon the completion of his term as president of Temple Israel in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

David is a partner in the law firm of Chariton and Schwager. He is the past president of the Luzerne County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates. He chairs the Association’s Statutory Law Committee. He is a past vice-chairman of the Business Law and Real Property Law Sections of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. A past Assistant District Attorney, David is treasurer of the Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association. David also serves as solicitor to District 16 Little League and The Music Box Players.

David graduated from Lafayette College in 1984 and received his J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law in 1988. David is married to the former Laurie Mersay, assistant vice president of First National Community Bank. They have two children, Max and Melissa.

Among his many civic activities, David serves as vice president of the JCC, vice president of the American Cancer Society Wyoming Valley Unit, vice president of the S.J. Strauss Lodge of B’nai B’rith Housing Foundation and secretary of the UHI School Board. A past president of the Wyoming Seminary Alumni Association and a past president of B’nai B’rith Lodge No. 139, David serves on the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority, a past director and officer of Jewish Family Service, and a past director of Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre. David serves as a class fund manager and alumni admissions representative for Lafayette College.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and honor to represent a man who is so dedicated to serving his community. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to David Schwager as he receives this well-deserved honor.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING OF-  
FICER BILL CLEVELAND ON THE  
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT  
FROM THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Officer Bill Cleveland is retiring from the United States Capitol Police after 30 years of exemplary service;

Whereas, Officer Cleveland served his country in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and served his community of Alexandria as a respected member of the City Council for over 10 years;

Whereas, Officer Cleveland has been among the most well-liked and well-respected officers of the United States Capitol Police for his good humor and dedication to his job;

Whereas, Officer Cleveland will be deeply missed by many Members of Congress, their staffs, and his fellow officers.

Therefore, I join with my fellow Members of Congress, their staffs, and his fellow officers at the United States Capitol Police in thanking Officer Bill Cleveland for his 30 years of service to the Capitol Hill community and wish him the very best on the occasion of his retirement.

PROVIDING CBO COST ESTIMATE  
FOR H.R. 4453

#### HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, on October 5, 2004, the Committee on the Judiciary filed its report on H.R. 4453, the “Access to Rural Physicians Improvement Act of 2004.” At that time, the Committee had not received a Congressional Budget Office cost estimate for the bill, and it filed the report with a committee cost estimate as provided in clause 3(d)(2) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives. Subsequently, the Committee received the CBO cost estimate on H.R. 4453, and I am submitting it here for the record.



OCTOBER 15, 2004.

Hon. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S.*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4453, the Access to Rural Physicians Improvement Act of 2004.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz, who can be reached at 226-2860.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS HOLTZ-EAKIN.

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE H.R. 4453, ACCESS TO RURAL PHYSICIANS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2004, AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OCTOBER 6, 2004

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4453 would result in no significant net cost to the federal government. The act would affect direct spending, but we estimate that any effects would be insignificant. H.R. 4453 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Until June 1, 2004, foreign students attending medical school in the United States were permitted to remain here after graduation if they agreed to work for at least three years in certain regions considered to be underserved by physicians or if they accepted employment with certain federal agencies. That program was limited to 30 individuals a year for each state that participated in the program. Under current law, such individuals must return to their native countries. H.R. 4453 would make several changes to that program and would reestablish it through June 1, 2006.

Based on the participation of foreign medical students in those employment programs in recent years, CBO expects that the act's provisions would affect no more than 2,000 persons annually. The Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) would collect fees to provide work permits for those individuals. CIS fees are classified as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). The agency is authorized to spend such fees without further appropriation, so the net impact on CIS spending would be insignificant.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz, who may be reached at 226 2860. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

#### HONORING NEW JERSEY BLOOD SERVICE

#### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor New Jersey Blood Services for its thirty years of dedication to blood collection and services. As the first regional division of the New York Blood Center, New Jersey Blood Services (NJBS) is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to "provide the safest, best quality transfusion-related products and services at a reasonable cost to those who will benefit, and to increase the body and availability of knowledge in transfusion medicine." Since its founding in 1973, NJBS has collaborated with companies, labor unions and com-

munity organizations in New Jersey to collect over 2.2 million units of blood, thus improving and even saving the lives of countless residents of New Jersey.

In its thirty years of existence, New Jersey Blood Services has developed a strong and valuable relationship with many New Jersey based American Red Cross chapters. These organizations have partnered together in scheduling blood drives, recruiting donors and providing necessary services to donors during blood drives. NJBS has also been a leader in efforts to ensure the safety of the region's blood supply by piloting the "Safeblood" computer system and opening the Nucleic Acid Test Lab in 1999, to screen all blood donated for HIV and HCV. Moreover, NJBS has been a forerunner in the development of pheresis blood donation procedures, which allows for the separation of different blood components and is particularly helpful in treating cancer.

New Jersey Blood Service has made remarkable and lasting contributions to our society through its efforts to increase both the quantity and the quality of our blood supply. Again, I rise today to honor the New Jersey Blood Service for its distinguished achievements in helping to enhance or save the lives of millions of patients in New Jersey over the past thirty years and I look forward to their continued good work over the next thirty years.

#### A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BELMONT COUNTY SHERIFF TOM MCCORT

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Sheriff Tom McCort has provided outstanding service and contributions while serving as the Sheriff of Belmont County for twenty years; and

Whereas, Sheriff Tom McCort began his law enforcement career by serving as a felony investigator for the Belmont County Prosecutor's Office and then as a part time officer in Richland Township; and

Whereas, Sheriff Tom McCort worked tirelessly to improve and expand the Belmont County jail; and

Whereas, Sheriff Tom McCort's diligent service to Belmont County resulted in several remarkable achievements such as an officer training program and an expanded motorcycle patrol service; and

Whereas, Sheriff Tom McCort will be greatly missed by Belmont County and the Belmont County Sheriff's Department.

Therefore, I join the residents of Belmont County, and the entire Eighteenth Congressional District of Ohio, in recognizing Sheriff Tom McCort for his exceptional work and immense contributions, and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY'S 2004 BUCKEYE BULLET TEAM

#### HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Ohio State University 2004 Buckeye Bullet electric land speed vehicle team. This group of 11 undergraduate engineering students now holds the national and international land speed records for electric vehicles.

The Buckeye Bullet is a streamlined electric vehicle over 31 feet long, standing 3 feet high and 2 feet wide. It is powered by more than 900 batteries and contains a 400-plus horsepower engine. The most impressive fact about the Buckeye Bullet is that it was designed, built and is maintained by Ohio State students, giving undergraduates a unique opportunity for a hands-on learning experience.

This fall, the team traveled to the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah where they challenged the international land speed record of 245 mph. On October 13, 2004 the Buckeye Bullet set a new official international record time of 272 mph. However, the international record just wasn't enough for the Buckeye Bullet Team. On October 15, the team challenged its own 257 mph national speed record from the previous year, which conforms to a different set of requirements, successfully setting a new national land speed record at 315 mph. This makes the Buckeye Bullet the first electric race car to officially exceed 300 mph.

I would like to recognize the 2004 Buckeye Bullet team members from Ohio State for their dedication and hard work, including team leaders Isaac S. Harper, Andrew L. Marquand, and Benjamin J. Sinsheimer; team members Kevin C. Sze, Sean M. MacGregor, Aaron M. Haliena, Joseph H. Gorse, Andrea J. Barger, Michael B. Quade, Kimberly A. Stevens and Kevin Ponziani; faculty adviser Giorgio Rizzoni, staff adviser Maria Soliman, and of course the vehicle's driver, Roger Schroer of TRC, Inc. Congratulations to all of you for building the fastest electric vehicle on the planet!

#### HONORING MARGARET PARKER FRETWELL

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor Margaret Parker Fretwell. Mrs. Fretwell just recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday and it is my great pleasure to note that she is still working hard to better her community. Through her enjoyment of community service and a love for her family, Margaret Fretwell has made sure that her ninety years here on this earth have been spent in the service of others.

As an active member in her family, church, and community, she has become a symbol of service and charity. Those around her have been able to rely on her hard work and giving nature to promote charitable programs and



educational events that benefit everyone in her hometown of Anderson, South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to stand here and honor Margaret Fretwell with my deepest thanks for her continued service and contributions to her local community. It is my hope that those that have been touched by her generosity will remember her example and use it in their own lives.

#### 9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2004*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 10) to provide for reform of the intelligence community, terrorism prevention and prosecution, border security, and international cooperation and coordination, and for other purposes:

Mr. FARR. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the Ose amendment.

My friend and colleague from California has indicated that Navy facilities in San Diego are at risk if his amendment is not passed.

I have a Navy facility in my district so I can appreciate his concern. In fact, after September 11th, the Navy constructed a force protection barrier around their facility in Monterey.

But, I disagree with my colleague over his efforts to exempt the construction of portions of a 14-mile immigration barrier south of San Diego from most of the Nation's environmental laws.

A society is judged by how it reacts to adversity, and after 9/11 this Chamber and this country were galvanized into action in the wake of that tragic day.

There is not a single member in this Chamber that isn't willing to fight terrorism or to protect our country and its citizens. Let's get that straight.

The amendment we have before us now is more about immigration control than it is about national security. P.L. 104-208 authorized the construction of fencing and road improvements in the border area near San Diego, CA.

In short, the border improvements were pursued, planned, and construction started before 9/11.

So, we know there will be improvements to the barriers at the border. I don't question the importance of completing the fence—that's not what this is about.

What this amendment is about is ignoring—worse, circumventing—an ongoing process.

Mr. Ose's ill-conceived amendment attempts to fix a problem that doesn't exist.

This amendment undermines and overturns efforts made by local communities, civic groups, State agencies, and elected representatives who have been working to come to consensus with the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

This amendment even exempts from protection the Bald Eagle, a symbol of America's freedom that is surpassed only by our American Flag.

My colleagues should be aware that the California Coastal Commission continues to

work hard to complete the Southwest Border Fence, in compliance with the regulatory process established by 16 of our most essential public health, environmental, and cultural heritage laws and executive orders.

In fact, a meeting is scheduled for the 26th of October to work out the concerns between the Coastal Commission and the Department of Homeland Security's office of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection in charge of construction to resolve this issue.

We are a country built on laws. Our laws are in place not only to protect us today but also to protect this great nation for future generations.

There is no good reason why this project requires such a sweeping free ride.

By shirking the process and simply giving this project a blanket exemption from 16 of our most essential environmental laws, we are submitting that we can't do more than one thing at a time—and I don't, and won't, accept this.

I have more faith in our country, our laws, and the process.

This amendment will set a horrible precedent on multiple levels and I encourage all of my colleagues to vote "no."

#### A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM HINIG

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of William Hinig; and

Whereas, William Hinig was a highly esteemed legislator who served in the Ohio House of Representatives for twenty-five years; and

Whereas, William Hinig worked tirelessly as Chairman of both the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Finance and Appropriations Committee to promote bipartisanship and help the people of Ohio; and

Whereas, William Hinig honorably fought for his country during World War II, receiving a Purple Heart for injuries received at Normandy; and

Whereas, William Hinig worked in and contributed to the financial industry by aiding in the founding of the accounting firm of Hinig and Miller; and

Whereas, the integrity William Hinig possessed, and the compassion he showed towards others, will stand as reminders to a truly remarkable person. His life and love gave joy to all who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of William Hinig.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4200, RONALD W. REAGAN NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2004*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to discuss a number of provisions included in the conference report for H.R. 4200, the Defense Authorization bill for fiscal year 2005.

The conference report includes a provision that restricts from access under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), "data that are collected by land remote sensing and are prohibited from sale to customers other than the United States and its affiliated users." The effect of this language is that non-confidential commercial satellite imagery, which the government has purchased, would be restricted from disclosure to the public. This section extends this restriction to products that are derived from those data. That would mean that maps, reports, and any other analyses or communications that are derived from the exempted satellite image would also be inaccessible through FOIA. This section also preempts State and local public disclosure laws that would provide access to these data.

Public access to these data and products derived from these data is essential for effective participation in governmental actions, especially those by local governments that affect their daily lives. Government agencies use licensed and/or purchased imagery data in regulatory proceedings and numerous other mandated activities. The public requires access to this imagery in order to participate in these proceedings and importantly, to be informed about the activities of Government. This point was emphasized by the National Academy of Sciences in its recent report, *Licensing Geographic Data and Services*:

When geographic data are used to design or administer regulatory schemes or formulate policy, affect the rights and obligations of citizens, or have likely value for the broader society as indicated by a legislative or regulatory mandate, the agency should evaluate whether the data should be acquired under terms that permit unlimited public access or whether more limited access may suffice to support the agency's mandates and missions and the agency's actions in judicial and other review. (page 229).

The bill's sweeping exemption is even contradictory to the advice the administration has solicited on access to geospatial information. In a report prepared for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the RAND National Defense Research Institute recommends that Federal agencies and other organizations use an analytical process to assess the potential homeland security sensitivity of specific pieces of publicly available geospatial information and to determine if restricting access to these specific pieces would enhance security. They recommend that such a process include analysis of the usefulness of the information to an attacker; its uniqueness; and the expected societal benefits of access and the costs of restricting the information.

The process through which this section was developed is contrary to the fundamental principles represented by the Freedom of Information Act. FOIA is a tool for protecting public

access to their government's actions. This amendment was developed behind closed doors. Laws that limit the use of FOIA for public oversight of government actions should only be enacted after wide public consultation and discussion, which has not occurred with this provision.

Mr. Speaker, I am also disappointed with a provision of this conference report affecting OMB Circular A-76, which lays out the procedures used when the government privatizes work currently performed by federal employees. Under existing law, the private sector has the legal right to protest the results of such a public/private competition, but the public sector employees do not. This is fundamentally unfair.

The Senate bill would have addressed this inequity by granting both the official who submits the agency's bid, and a person representing a majority of the affected federal employees legal standing to protest at both the GAO and in the Court of Federal Claims. Instead of adopting this approach, the conference report gives standing only to the agency official, and only at the GAO. The report also requires the agency official to file a protest if a majority of the affected federal employees request that he do so, unless the official determines there is no reasonable basis to protest. While this limited approach is an improvement over existing law, I would have preferred the original Senate language, and will continue working to ensure that federal employees have all the legal rights currently afforded to contractors.

Finally, I strongly oppose section 3116, a provision that reverses an important aspect of the nation's nuclear waste cleanup policy. Specifically, it allows the Department of Energy to abandon millions of gallons of highly radioactive waste in leaking tanks in South Carolina and Idaho. It also sets a dangerous precedent for the cleanup of radioactive waste in Washington. This provision has not been adequately considered in either chamber of Congress.

#### THE LIBERATION OF NAVASSA AND DESECHEO ISLANDS BEGINS

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, in my capacity as the ranking Democratic member on the Committee on Resources, it has been both a pleasure and an honor to oversee the management of our Federal public lands and resources.

It is not an exaggeration to say that our system of public lands—our parks, forests, refuges and wilderness areas—is second to none when it comes to providing world-class opportunities for Americans to enjoy outdoor recreation. That is, of course, when the general public is actually allowed to access and use their public lands.

Regardless of the fact that the Federal Government holds land in trust for the American people, sadly it appears that what the people own, the people may not necessarily ever get to use.

This is the case with two tiny islands in the Western Caribbean. Navassa and Desecheo

islands have interesting histories, but I doubt most Americans even know they exist, let alone that the islands are, in fact, part of our very own country.

The story of Navassa Island is a classic tale of American capitalism. It came to be part of America in the late 1800's through the mining and sale of petrified bird guano—yes, guano—as fertilizer. It is also the site of one of our Nation's early, ugly labor disputes. Over time, guano went out of fashion, but the outpost served a new purpose for 80 years, as a light source to guide ships through the islands of the Caribbean. In 1996, with the advent of new technologies, the lighthouse went dark. The property, however, remained part of the U.S.

Eventually that island and Desecheo Island, a former military training range, were incorporated into the National Wildlife Refuge system. The designation rightfully recognizes the unique qualities of the two islands, which are rich in uncommon plant and animal life. But, in turn, it has also led to their being essentially fenced off from the people who own them—the American public. For in fact, today, the Fish & Wildlife Service bars legal access to these two islands apparently under any circumstance.

That might be the end of the story, were it not for a group of Ham radio operators, who, after having been granted special use access to these public lands for twenty years, were suddenly denied permission to visit the islands to broadcast.

Indeed, for no sensible reason, the Fish and Wildlife Service—the same agency that had been granting access to these radio operators—arbitrarily reversed course and denied permits for a non-controversial recreational activity that had been approved for two decades of responsible and uneventful public use.

Not only did the agency cut off these broadcasters, it did so even after they agreed to assume all liability, to submit to any regulation or permit condition, and even to pay all administrative, management and travel costs for the Federal agency to remove all financial and logistical hurdles.

This is an instance of outrageous administrative arrogance to deny a permit for a recreational use that has been shown to be harmless to fish and wildlife. Public recreation at our National Wildlife Refuges is as much a part of the history of Refuge System as the critters themselves.

The Secretary of the Interior has been given congressional authority to grant special use permits for just such circumstances, when a public use is not incompatible with the purpose of the refuge. Yet, for some reason that escapes me, this Secretary will not budge. In the case of these two islands, the Secretary's discretionary powers amount to guano.

Such hubris cannot be allowed to stand unchallenged. Along with my colleague, the Chairman of the Resources Committee, RICHARD POMBO, I am introducing today legislation to address this deplorable situation and to restore the public's right of access to its Federal public lands. The liberation of Navassa and Desecheo Islands begins today.

This legislation would accomplish two main goals. First, it would require the Fish and Wildlife Service to issue regulations within 120 days after the bill's enactment to resolve this particular dispute. Second, to ensure access at both refuges the legislation would require

the Service to establish at least one period of time each year for public access for each island.

Language authorizing the Service to specify use periods and to attach reasonable permit restrictions in order to protect resources and public safety should provide adequate flexibility to balance the competing interests of resource protection and public recreation.

Also important, this legislation will help to harmonize existing use policies in regard to Navassa and Desecheo Refuges with three other remote refuges in the Pacific—Baker Island, Johnson Island and Jarvis Island. These three refuges, all accessible by way of special use permits, show plainly that controlled public recreational access is possible even at extremely remote and fragile refuges. In fact, the ham radio operators were successful in securing a permit to visit Baker Island as recently as 2002. In fairness, the same access should be provided to Navassa Island and Desecheo.

I am fully aware of the Service's need to balance public access with the Refuge System's overall "wildlife first" mission.

The Service cannot, however, be allowed to selectively choose to implement those parts of its authority it favors but ignore those requirements to provide for public recreation which are clearly stated in existing law.

I urge members to support this important legislation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on October 8, 2004, I was unable to vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 843, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4200, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2005 (rollcall 524); had I been present I would have voted "yea." Also, I was unable to vote on a motion to instruct conferees on S. 2845, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States government (rollcall 525); had I been present I would have voted "nay." Additionally, I was unable to vote on the motion to table H. Res. 845 (rollcall 526); had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on October 9, 2004, I was unable to vote on several measures before the House: H. Con. Res. 518, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses (rollcall 527); had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; On agreeing to the conference report on H.R. 4200, the DOD Authorization for fiscal year 2005 (rollcall 528); had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on agreeing to the conference report on H.R. 4837, the Military Construction Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2005 (rollcall 529); had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; and on agreeing to the conference report on H.R. 4567, the Homeland Security Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2005 (rollcall 530); had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
PETER AND SYLVIA MANASSE  
ON THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNI-  
VERSARY**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Peter and Sylvia Manasse were married in New York City on November 11, 1944; and

Whereas, Peter and Sylvia Manasse have shown the love and commitment necessary to live a long and beautiful life together; and

Whereas, Peter and Sylvia Manasse must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their 3 sons, 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and extended family; and

Whereas, Peter and Sylvia Manasse have both served their community. Mr. Manasse represented an American trading company in Milan, Italy and was always active in issues of U.S./European trade as a vice president for some 25 years of the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy. Mr. Manasse helped businesses in the Italian textile and steel industries re-establish their export markets to the United States and elsewhere after World War II. For his work in the export markets, he received the Gold Medal of the Milan Chamber of Commerce on December 22, 1977. Mrs. Manasse co-founded Milan's first International School in the late 1950's and then went on to have a successful career as a journalist for Italian magazines. Both Mr. and Mrs. Manasse have received the distinction of being named Chevalier in the Order of St. Charles for their services to the Principality of Monaco.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Peter and Sylvia Manasse as they celebrate their 60th Wedding anniversary.

**HONORING JACK AND CARTER  
HARDESTY**

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to draw the attention of the House to a noble couple on the occasion of the dedication of the Jack and Carter Hardesty Bridge in Clarke County, VA. The Hardestys have been a vital part of the Clarke County community for over half a century, and now their name will be honored and associated with the bridge over U.S. Route 340 which crosses the Norfolk Southern Railroad line about a mile from the West Virginia border.

State Senator Russ Potts sponsored the legislation in the Virginia General Assembly to dedicate the bridge in their name. I was honored to join him; Virginia Governor Mark Warner; the Honorable Al Smith, former member of the Virginia House of Delegates; the Honorable Jack Marsh, former Virginia Congressman and former Secretary of the Army; members of the Hardesty family and their friends and neighbors at the dedication ceremony and unveiling of the bridge marker on October 4. The Clarke County High School Band and

school Concert Choir provided music for the event.

Carter, who passed away last year, was a special woman. She sent literally hundreds of cards each year to county residents that she personally picked out and wrote notes in for every occasion. These cards were often just pick-me-ups for friends that were down. Apparently, even a flat tire didn't escape her notice. The cards she sent made her an irreplaceable part of the community that is dearly missed.

Carter was also an active member of the Crums United Methodist Church. She spent 25 years teaching numerous Sunday school classes. Pastor Sandra Stamey of Crums UMC gave the invocation at the dedication ceremony.

However, I remember Carter best for her service at the Lord's Acre Booth at the Clarke County Fair. She was cochairman of the booth.

Carter was only one half of this dynamic duo. A dairy farmer by profession, Jack has served Clarke County as a member of the board of supervisors and his long list of community, civic, and public service activities is unparalleled. We all share with him and his family in the grief of Carter's loss. She left a great legacy behind for the husband and family and community that she dearly loved.

I want to share with our colleagues an article about the dedication ceremony from The Winchester Star.

[From the Winchester Star, Oct. 5, 2004]

**CEREMONY CELEBRATES HARDESTY INFLUENCE**  
(By Jessica Sabbath)

BERRYVILLE.—Gov. Mark R. Warner visited Clarke County Monday to honor a husband known for his lifelong service to the county and a wife known for her heartfelt cards.

More than 200 people joined the governor, area politicians, and the extended Hardesty family at the dedication of a county bridge to John D. "Jack" Hardesty and his late wife, Carter.

The bridge, on U.S. 340, crosses over the Norfolk Southern Railroad line about a mile from the West Virginia border.

The couple is part of eight generations of Hardestys that have been prominent in the county. Speakers praised the couple for the couple's commitment to faith, family, and the county.

"Jack Hardesty and his family represent not only the best of public service, but the best of what it means to be a Virginian," Warner said against the backdrop of rolling green hills.

The ceremony was held at Oakland Orchard by state Sen. H. Russell Potts Jr., R-Winchester, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

It wasn't the first time a Hardesty family ceremony brought the governor to Clarke County. In March 2002, Warner declared Virginia Agriculture Week at Harvue Farms, the dairy farm Jack Hardesty and his father established in 1949.

Jack Hardesty served on the county Board of Supervisors for 30 years, and was its chairman for 18 years.

He was named "Dairyman of the Year" in 1992 and has been president of the Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers Association for the past five years. He served five gubernatorial appointments and has been on the board of the Bank of Clarke County for 40 years.

Carter Hardesty, who died last October, was known as the "Card Lady" of Clarke County. She sent out between 15 and 20 cards each week to county residents for just about any occasion.

During the ceremony, Potts, who sponsored the legislation in the Virginia General Assembly to dedicate the bridge, held up a stack of cards he had received from Carter Hardesty.

"She would even send a card out when somebody's car broke down," Potts said.

Carter Hardesty taught Sunday School at Crums United Methodist Church for 25 years. She was the co-chair of the Lord's Acre booth in the Clarke County Fair for 35 years.

U.S. Rep. Frank R. Wolf, R-10th, praised the couple's service to the county and family.

"They have played a vital part of this community in a unique way," Wolf said, adding he hopes future generations of Hardestys would carry on the tradition.

Danny Hardesty, grandson of Jack Hardesty and a senior at Clarke County High School, said the ceremony and his grandfather's service had done just that.

"He laid down the roadwork for us all to follow," Danny said.

The governor made a late, but rather striking entrance. A few minutes into the ceremony, a helicopter carrying the governor approached while the Clarke County High School Band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

A mix-up in the location of the helicopter caused the governor to make a last-minute sprint to Richmond International Airport to catch a flight into Winchester.

There, Warner jumped on the helicopter that flew him into Clarke.

"I was not trying to interfere with the band's wonderful rendition," Warner said at the dedication. "Neither sleet, nor rain, nor snow, nor hail nor misplaced helicopter could keep me away." Warner recalled receiving a card from Carter Hardesty when he began his term and found the state's budget in worse-than-expected shape.

"Don't worry, Mark," Warner recalled the card saying. "You'll get through it all right."

Potts, Wolf, former Del. Alson H. Smith Jr., former Congressman and former Secretary of the U.S. Army John O. Marsh all spoke at the event, held on a warm and sunny fall day.

"My wife arranged the weather," Jack Hardesty told the crowd. "I know Carter's looking down and enjoying this."

During an emotional high point of the ceremony, tears welled in the eyes of the family and many members of the audience as Alexandra Masters, a junior at Clarke County High School, sang pop singer Sarah McLachlan's "Angel."

The Hardesty family stood with politicians as Warner and Jack Hardesty unveiled a green highway sign that read "Jack and Carter Hardesty Bridge."

Potts said it would be fitting that after crossing over the Virginia border, people would first see the bridge.

"The bridge that represents that 'Highway to Heaven' that the Hardestys tried to make Clarke County," Potts said.

**TRIBUTE TO FATHER SPENCER T.  
KEZIOS**

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Father Spencer T. Kezios for his leadership and service to the community. The San Fernando Valley, and indeed the entire world community, is truly fortunate to benefit from his unyielding dedication to promoting education, religious tolerance, and peace. Father Kezios has consistently demonstrated

selfless devotion to his countrymen and his faith for over forty years at the Parish of Saint Nicholas in Northridge, California.

In his years of service, Father Kezios has been at the forefront of many community service organizations and efforts. Under Father Kezios's guidance, the Parish of Saint Nicholas has grown from a mission parish to a community institution offering spiritual and community-based services for over 1,200 families. Father Kezios founded the Saint Nicholas Parochial School in 1977, and over time oversaw the expansion of the school which now boasts an enrollment of almost 400 students. He was also one of the three original incorporators of the Guadalupe Home for Boys and he established the first two Greek Orthodox senior citizens housing developments in the Archdiocese. He was also assigned as Chaplain for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Father Kezios had the foresight to bring several liturgical services to the English speaking community. In 1994, he translated the complete Orthros services from Greek into contemporary English and made it available for wide publication. He continues to provide liturgical translation of these texts for English speaking congregations through the Narthex Press.

Some of Father Kezios's greatest achievements were attained by educating and influencing local and international communities on issues of global importance, such as religious and cultural tolerance. Archbishop Iakovos tapped Father Kezios to assist with the efforts of the Greek Orthodox Church in Albania shortly after the fall of communism in that country. Here in the United States, and at the direction of Archbishop Iakovos, Father Kezios also produced a series of five educational films, including "A Boy Named Panatiosis," which exposed the American public to the hardship and suffering of the people of Cyprus after the Turkish invasion. He also produced and directed a Cyprian cultural program of music and dance that toured the United States, donating all net proceeds from these performances to refugees from Cyprus.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Father Spencer T. Kezios for dedicating his life to spreading knowledge and compassion. He is an example to us all.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR DAVID E. VOCKE, PH.D.

### HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Professor David E. Vocke, Ph.D. of Towson University for his dedication and commitment to training future teachers. Professor Vocke has been selected for his work by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement of Support Education as one of this year's U.S. Professors of the Year.

Professor Vocke has been a full professor at Towson University since 1997. Towson University is nationally recognized for its rigorous and demanding education program. As a professor of secondary education at Towson, he has dedicated himself to developing several

successful precollegiate intervention programs with the Baltimore City Public School system. These programs bring middle and high school students from diverse, low-income schools to the Towson University campus for experiences that are designed to inspire them to attend college. At the same time, these programs have provided his students majoring in education with unique and valuable experiences.

Professor Vocke has spent his professional career preparing undergraduates for careers in education. Since 1981, the U.S. Professors of the Year Program has rewarded outstanding professors for their dedication to teaching and commitment to students. The program seeks to increase awareness of the importance of excellent undergraduate instruction at all colleges and universities.

I hope my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in saluting Professor David E. Vocke for his dedication to undergraduate education and his desire to instill a love of teaching in all his students.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on October 9, 2004, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 527, on agreeing to H. Con. Res. 218; for rollcall vote No. 528, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 4200, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005; for rollcall vote No. 529, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 4837, the Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2005; and for rollcall vote No. 530, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 4567, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2005. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 527, "yes" on rollcall vote No. 528, "yes" on rollcall vote No. 529, and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 530.

IN RECOGNITION OF HENRY KUCZINSKI, FOR FIFTY YEARS OF FIRE SERVICE

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of the 4th Congressional District to recognize Henry Kuczinski of New Hyde Park, New York.

I am extremely honored to congratulate Mr. Kuczinski as he celebrates fifty years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department. Such an achievement is testament to his impressive record of five decades of commitment to the department and the local community.

Henry began his service to the country as a young man in the U.S. Army, receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1951. He continued to serve others by becoming a member of the New Hyde Park Fire Department in November 1954. Through the years he has gained the admiration and respect of the entire department by responding to emergency calls with

the greatest diligence and speed. His most outstanding accomplishment came in 1967, when he performed an extremely difficult rescue during the collapse of a building's foundation, garnering both the praise of his colleagues and a formal department honor.

Henry let his actions speak for him and became a leader and a role model within the department. Because of his outstanding achievements in fire service and his exemplary record of service to the community, Henry has been named New Hyde Park's Fireman of the Year five times in the past fifty years. During Henry's tenure at the New Hyde Park Fire Department, he has held the offices of Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and Captain.

Today, Henry is a member of the Fire-Police unit and has earned the title of Honorary Department Chief. He also has been a leader on the Department's Memorial Committee since the very beginning of his career as a firefighter. No matter what capacity he has served in over the past fifty years, Henry has always performed with distinction and inspired others to achieve their full potential.

Mr. Kuczinski's tireless commitment to his job has made a difference in the lives of many. Once again, I would like to offer my congratulations to him on this well-deserved recognition and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NEW YORK FOR 75 YEARS OF INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE SUCCESSFUL

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Junior Achievement of New York as it celebrates its 75th anniversary of educating young people about business, economics, and free enterprise. On October 18, 1929, ten visionary women and men created an original organization exclusively dedicated to providing a broad appreciation of business to young boys and girls throughout New York City. Since its inception, Junior Achievement of New York has worked vigorously to help every student in the five boroughs of New York and on Long Island appreciate the value of education, and understand the free enterprise system.

In its distinguished history, Junior Achievement of New York has inspired nearly two million kindergarten through twelfth grade students. This inspiration has been achieved through the dedication and energy of more than 65,000 volunteers from the corporate, education, and civic sectors of the New York community. Junior Achievement volunteers are amazing individuals from large, medium, and small businesses, from high schools, colleges, and graduate school programs. They are devoted parents, accomplished retirees, and caring members of the communities where the students they teach live and learn.

Junior Achievement of New York has facilitated and continues to create business-to-school partnerships. These relationships create meaningful experiences that bring the real world into the classroom and forge valuable relationships between successful professionals

and future business and social leaders. Thanks to volunteers' educational consulting, Junior Achievement of New York has been able to deliver dynamic, innovative educational programs that motivate, inspire, and equip young people to succeed.

Junior Achievement of New York's programs prepare students for the workplace by encouraging exceptional academic performance, developing employability skills and providing career education. The programs are designed to foster students' desire to complete their education and instill in them an understanding of the vital link between staying in school and becoming productive citizens. Furthermore, the programs enhance students' abilities to attain the core skills and competencies necessary for success in today's workplace and marketplace. Junior Achievement of New York's curriculum serves as a building block to help achieve the goals of the New York City and State education systems and produce bright, motivated entrepreneurs to build a better future for the city and State.

I salute Junior Achievement of New York, its mission and the commendable volunteers, teachers, and students who have been a part of its 27-year history. On its platinum anniversary, I applaud the impact this educational organization has had on the students of New York. Moreover, I confidently endorse the future success Junior Achievement of New York will have as it continues to inspire young people to be successful.

TRIBUTE TO CARL AND MARILYN  
BAKER-MADSEN

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two of Hayward, California's outstanding citizens, Carl and Marilyn Baker-Madsen. Marilyn and Carl are celebrating 50 years of service as they retire from their employment in the city of Hayward.

Marilyn has been the Library Director of the Hayward Public Library since October 1985. During her tenure, the Library has implemented a number of programs and services with outstanding demonstrable outcomes that are models for libraries in other cities. In the fall of 1996, Marilyn was recognized at the California Library Association Annual Conference as Librarian of the Year for outstanding service to libraries. In January 2000, she received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee Annual Community Service Award which honors individuals who have contributed substantially to keeping Dr. King's work alive and active in the Hayward community. In October 2001, she received the Hayward City Employee Award for volunteering in the community beyond work commitments. In November 2003, Marilyn received the HEARTS of Service Award for demonstrating commitment to the organizational values of the city of Hayward.

Carl is retiring from his position as equipment manager for the city of Hayward. He is described as an employee who goes beyond the call of duty to serve his community and stands tall in his field. He has volunteered over many years, in many capacities to benefit

Hayward. He was named Hayward City Employee Volunteer of the Year.

Carl and Marilyn have been very active supporters of the Hayward Arts Council and its projects. Both have been tireless volunteers on behalf of the arts programs and services at events, such as Cinco de Mayo, Youth Pride fairs, Kids' Art Day and Farmer's Market and police department neighborhood events where Carl has helped set up and staff booths that provided free art projects for children.

Carl describes himself as "a Friend of the Library . . . Director." Through the years, he has given more and more of his own time to ease the work of the Library staff. He has been active at Literacy Plus receptions, the Celebrating Cultures in Harmony Festival and major outdoor book sales. Friends of the Library know they can count on Carl to contribute to the success of Library events.

The Baker-Madsen's have worked with exemplary commitment to enhance the quality of life in Hayward, California. Their contributions have been felt at the Hayward Public Library, the Hayward Arts Council, in City Hall, as well as in the many community venues in which they participate.

I join their friends and admirers in expressing appreciation and a hearty thank you for exemplifying the "Heart of the Bay" at its very best.

HONORING JUDY LICHTMAN FOR  
THIRTY YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and a Washington legend, Judith Lichtman, who recently stepped down as president of the National Partnership of Women & Families after 30 years at its helm.

Judy has been at the forefront of the women's movement for more than 30 years, and used her considerable talents as a lawyer and a strategic mind to transform the National Partnership, originally the Women's Legal Defense Fund from a small volunteer group to a national organization with thousands of members and a reputation for taking on the tough issues and delivering results.

Judy's vision, and the National Partnership's strength and direct leadership, led to the passage of some of the most important legal protections for American women and families, including the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 and the Family and Medical Leave Act, FMLA, of 1993. In 1996, the National Partnership helped shape key provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, HIPAA, that make it easier for women and their families to get and keep health coverage. More recently, Judy led efforts to promote patient protections and to bring paid family and medical leave to California. I am proud to have worked with her in drafting the Healthy Families Act, which will ensure that Americans have at least seven days of sick leave a year.

Judy has been recognized by civic and legal organizations, business and labor leaders, and others for her strategic abilities, political savvy, effectiveness in creating powerful and diverse coalitions, and most importantly, her tireless

commitment to building a truly just society. Judy has always been a great support to me in drafting legislation to improve women's economic security, and I could also rely on her for creative ideas and sage advice.

The National Partnership for Women & Families will now be in the very able hands of Debra Ness, with Judy serving as a Senior Advisor. The lives of men, women and children across this nation have been enriched by Judy's work over the last three decades, and I know her change in title will not change her commitment to the cause. I wish Judy the best of luck in this new phase of life, and thank her for her dedication over the years.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT  
KEVIN WISE FOR HIS 29 YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO THE CONCORD  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sergeant Kevin Wise, who is retiring from the City of Concord Police Department after 29 years of serving the residents of Concord as well as the larger community.

Sergeant Wise is a life-long resident of California. He married his wife Maggie in 1988 and he has two daughters, Kristen and Kelsey.

Kevin Wise's career began when he worked as Police Assistant for the Concord Police Department in 1976. He was hired as a sworn Police Officer in 1977, and faithfully served the department, holding many specialty positions until he retired in October of 2004 as a Provisional Patrol Sergeant in the Field Operations Division.

The distinguished career of Kevin Wise includes serving on the Board of the Concord Police Officers' Association, and in 2002 he served as the Association's President for eighteen months.

Mr. Wise's work also includes several recognitions, including a Blue Knight award which Sergeant Wise received in 1996 from the Knights of Columbus for his exceptional work as a career member of the community's emergency services. He also received a Peace Makers Award in 1997 from the Conflict Resolution Panel of Contra Costa County for his outstanding service "keeping the peace" in the community while working as a Gang Investigator.

Sergeant Wise has demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout his career including co-founding the Concord Police Department's GANG Unit in 1996. This unit is still in existence and continues to increase gang awareness and suppression. Furthermore, he was selected in 2002 to provide peer support counseling to NYPD officers struggling with the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy because of his highly regarded work as a Peer Support Counselor within the Concord Police Department.

For 29 years, Sergeant Wise has served the Concord Police Department and surrounding community. His hard work has improved the safety of the City and provided important support to his peers. Today, I am proud to commend him for his service, dedication and commitment to the people—and entire community—of Concord.

REMEMBERING JUDGE BRATTON  
DAVIS

## HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina recently recognized the extraordinary life of the late Judge J. Bratton Davis. Judge Davis will always be remembered as the embodiment of a Southern Gentleman.

Multiple generations of my family knew and respected Judge Davis. My grandparents Bill and Joe Graves were close friends and my parents Wray and Hugh Wilson became admiring friends as fellow students at the University of South Carolina. I will always cherish working with him in 1962 as he managed the successful campaign of Donald S. Russell for Governor of South Carolina. He honored me to be a Youth Manager in the June 1962 primary for the Lowcountry which inspired me to seek a similar career in public service.

I would like to insert in the RECORD the following obituary from the State newspaper:

[From the State, Oct. 31, 2004]

## JUDGE BRATTON DAVIS

COLUMBIA.—Funeral service for The Honorable J. Bratton Davis will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral with burial in Elmwood Memorial Gardens. Serving as pallbearers will be Michael M. Beal, John B. Butler III, George B. Cauthen, Todd R. Ellis, Robert C. Kelly, R. Geoffrey Levy, William Bratton Riley, and W. Keenan Stephenson. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is in charge.

Judge Davis died Friday, October 29, 2004. Born in Hartsville on October 27, 1917, he was the elder son of the late John Bratton Davis and Sarah Causey "Dee" Davis. A 1938 graduate of the University of South Carolina and 1940 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, he continued graduate study at Harvard Law School in 1941. He was commissioned as a line officer in the United States Navy serving during WW II principally in the South Pacific Theater of Operations.

From WW II until 1969, Judge Davis practiced law with the firm of Graydon, Davis and Suber. He was admitted to practice in all of the South Carolina courts, all of the federal courts and the High Court of American Samoa.

In 1948, the Junior Chamber of Commerce named Judge Davis "Columbia's Young Man of the Year." He has served as: U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of South Carolina (1969-2000); Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of S.C. (1986-2000); Chairman, State of South Carolina Development Board; Columbia Board of Directors of the South Carolina National Bank; Board of Directors of Security Federal Savings and Loan Association; President of the Columbia Museum of Art; Vestryman, Trinity Cathedral; member of the Judicial Conference of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; member of the Security and Facilities Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States; member of the Board of Directors of the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation; member of the Board of Directors of the University of South Carolina Law School Partnership Board; member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia and Donald S. Russell Symposium Committee; member of the Board of Governors of the National Con-

ference of Bankruptcy Judges; President of the Columbia Kiwanis Club; member of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Chapter of the American Red Cross; member of the Board of Directors of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Chairman of the Donald Russell Gubernatorial Inauguration Committee; member of the Board of Directors of the Byrnes Foundation; and member of the Board of Directors of the James F. Byrnes Centennial Committee.

In 2000, Judge Davis was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor conferred by the State of South Carolina.

The J. Bratton Davis U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse was so named in his honor upon his retirement from the bench in 2000.

He held memberships in: Forest Lake Club; Palmetto Club; Centurion Society; South Caroliniana Society; Kappa Alpha Order; Omicron Delta Phi; The Columbia Ball; and South Carolina Historical Society.

Judge Davis is survived by his wife, Margaret Smyth McKissick Davis; sons, Sherwood McKissick Cleveland and his wife, Kathleen of Camden, and William Choice Cleveland and his wife, Anne of Charleston; daughter, Jean Davis Bruton and her husband, John C. Bruton, Jr. of Columbia; brother, John Thorne Davis of Charleston; and grandchildren, Sherwood McKissick Cleveland Jr., Samuel Henry Edmunds Cleveland, John Connor Cleveland, Braden Cleveland Bergan, Margaret Cleveland Pitts, William Choice Cleveland IV, Margaret McKissick Bruton and John Calvin Bruton III.

IN HONOR OF DR. SCOTT  
HUDELSON

## HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, my remarks today are to honor my friend, Scott Hudelson of Flower Mound, Texas, a devoted philanthropist and local dentist who died Friday, November 12, when the Cessna plane he was piloting crashed near Lexington, Kentucky. Scott was en route to Chicago to meet his wife, Lewisville physician Mary Brandt Hudelson, who was attending an allergy conference.

Scott Hudelson, a Minnesota native, opened his Flower Mound practice after serving in the Army Reserve's dental corps during Operation Desert Storm.

He earned degrees in engineering and dental surgery from the University of Minnesota and is listed as a member of the American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association, Denton County Dental Society and Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

In addition to running a successful practice, Family DentalCARE, Scott made monthly trips in his small plane, on his own time and with his own finances, to clean and fill the teeth of young patients at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. The school has about 150 students—from toddlers to teen-agers—and most live on campus. He talked with the patients in sign language and put them at ease.

Scott Hudelson married Mary Brandt on the Fourth of July in 1992. Together, Scott and Mary have three young children, as well as three older children from a previous marriage—including a grown daughter who is working as an accountant in Tikrit, Iraq.

Tomorrow, I will give the eulogy for my dear friend Scott. I cannot adequately express my

sorrow to the Hudelson family, but I can say I was blessed to have him in my life. My prayers are with the family and Scott, and I honor his life here today.

HONORING BUSINESS WOMEN OF  
THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

## HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sylvia Disney, M. Margaret Hadcock MD, Teena N. Hagerman, Heidi Horton, Linda Penner, Ruth F. Quinto, Minne Santillan, Patty Scroggins, Cynthia A. Sterling, and Carmen Villegas on the occasion of their being awarded the 2004 Business Women of the Year Award. The award is given to women, who in their professional fields, have become leaders and have invested in their communities through community service and philanthropy. The Marjaree Mason Center, a 24-hour domestic-violence center that offers shelter and supportive services for women and children victimized by abuse and homelessness, is the main sponsor of the awards program.

Sylvia Disney. Sylvia is the CEO of Valley Healthy Team, a non-profit organization that offers outpatient services to the rural communities of Fresno County, California. As the owner of Thyme for Tea, Sylvia enchants her patrons with exceptional service and delicacies. Sylvia volunteers her time to rehabilitate animals for the Chaffee Zoo and offers her expertise as a Master Gardner to conduct horticultural programs for youths and adults.

M. Margaret Hadcock MD. As a physician with Fresno Breast Surgeons, Dr. Hadcock dedicates her practice to the treatment and research of all medical facets of breast cancer. Dr. Hadcock established and heads the St. Agnes Weekly Breast Cancer Conference and contributes time as a mentoring physician in Girl Scout projects, which illuminates various career opportunities to young women.

Teena N. Hagerman. Owner and Director of Coarsegold Performing Arts Center, Teena brings over 20 years of experience as a dance instructor and musical and drama actor/director. Teena is committed to the preservation of our surrounding communities and has collaborated with PG&E to develop and perform educational plays aimed to promote energy conservation. Teena plans to build an outdoor theater that will support children's and adult production for the community of Coarsegold.

Heidi Horton. Heidi is an Executive Recruiter at BennettFrost Personnel Services whose diligent marketing and networking skills rebuilt the DirectHire department. Heidi is a compassionate professional and athlete. She voluntarily helps nonprofit organizations with their recruiting and staff sharing and raises funds as a triathlete for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Heidi is an active supporter of local community organizations such as: United Way, Fig Garden Rotary, Leadership Fresno, Fresno Women's Network and many others.



Linda Penner. Protecting the citizens of Fresno County, Linda is the current Director of Juvenile Probation and Adult Field Services for the Fresno County Probation Department. During her 27 year career she has worked to assist victims of crime in our community as a Victims' Advocate and Deputy Probation Officer. She has been recognized for her work with child sexual assault victims by the Sexual Assault Investigators Association and Fresno County District Attorney's Office. Linda's unprecedented commitment to the children of Fresno County is further demonstrated by her service to our schools as she serves on boards, commissions and committees serving both Clovis Unified and Fresno Unified School Districts.

Ruth F. Quinto. Ruth is the City of Fresno's Finance Director and City Controller. Some of Ruth's many accomplishments include decreasing citywide debt by \$23 million and laboring alongside Mayor Alan Autry in an effort to have the Governor's Office recognize the revenue needs of California's cities and counties. In 2001, Ruth achieved the status of "highest ranking Latina administrator" as Controller for the City of Fresno and received the "Latina's Achiever for Government" award in 2002.

Minnie Santillan. As the District Director for Assemblymember Sarah Reyes' 31st Assembly District Office, Minnie champions her work in the political sphere by proposing legislative ideas on issues such as Health Care, Education, Public Safety and many others. Minnie is dedicated to her community by serving as Board President of the Downtown Association of Fresno and spends her free time teaching tennis to underprivileged youths.

Patty Scroggins. Patty's efforts to establish Early Childhood Education Centers in the West Hills Community College District has created dependable childcare for children from birth to 5 years of age in the cities of Firebaugh, San Joaquin, Lemoore and several others. Her strong relationship with the State Department of Education has allowed her to offer free childcare to low-income families and she works relentlessly to provide ongoing parent education.

Cynthia A. Sterling. Fresno City Councilmember Cynthia A. Sterling made history in 2002 by becoming the first elected African-American woman to serve on that City Council. Since her inauguration, she has raised \$20,000 with her Hope for the Holidays turkey distribution and serves on Fresno's Interagency Housing Taskforce, which focuses on creating quality housing for all income levels and homeownership opportunities.

Carmen Villegas. Carmen is Director of Administrative Service for the Central Valley Regional Center and serves on numerous committees with the Department of Developmental Services. As a breast cancer survivor, Carmen annually travels to Washington, D.C. to review breast cancer research proposals and mentors newly diagnosed minority women who lack a much needed support system.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sylvia Disney, M. Margaret Hadcock MD, Teena N. Hagerman, Heidi Horton, Linda Penner, Ruth F. Quinto, Minnie Santillan, Patty Scroggins, Cynthia A. Sterling, and Carmen Villegas for receiving the 2004 Business Women of the Year Award. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding women for their desire to improve the community around

them and in wishing them many years of continued success.

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET S. BROTHERS

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember my dear friend, Margaret Brothers.

Margaret was a loving wife to David, mother to Jessica and Gray, and servant of God, but to me she was first and foremost a trusted and loving friend. If I can convey but one overriding memory of Margaret, it is that she was always there for my wife Shirley and myself and for our family from the earliest days onward. As I embarked on my career in law, she was by my side. As I began my career in public service, she continued to serve in my law office and made the transition to my congressional office after my special election in 2001. During my legal career and in each of my campaigns, Margaret was always near, encouraging me and strengthening me with her God given abilities to comfort and guide.

Although her time with us was all too brief, I have a great sense of comfort knowing that she directly changed the lives of all she touched for the better both in and out of the office. Always the servant, Margaret worked tirelessly for the citizens of the 4th Congressional District of Virginia. Even when her own strength was diminishing and her own personal needs were increasing, Margaret fought to overcome her physical obstacles to be with her coworkers and to concentrate on serving others in need.

I will always remember her graceful presence, calm manner, warm smile, and joyful laugh, the qualities that enabled her to touch so many. Her witness to others has unquestionably impacted countless people who were fortunate enough to know her. Margaret's faith was a beacon of light shining out of the darkness to those in need searching to find their way. Her ability to touch the souls of others and show them the light was her calling and I thank God that she was a part of my life. While Margaret's loss to our office family and to me personally will be considerable, her never faltering faith and commitment to her Lord and Savior will continue to inspire all who knew her and serve as an inspiration and example to the next generation who must pick up her mission and carry it forward.

DANIEL CIRCELLI: SCHOLAR, ATHLETE, MERCHANT MARINE

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate one of my constituents from Oneida County, Daniel J. Circelli, on his graduation from the United States Merchant Marine Academy, in Kings Point, NY. Mr. Circelli is the epitome of the Merchant Marine Academy's motto "Acta Non Verba"—"Deeds Not Words". He has excelled

in both academics and athletics, and has left a legacy at the Academy that will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Circelli earned a bachelor of science degree with a major in Logistics & Intermodal Transportation. He is USCG licensed as a Third Mate, Unlimited Horsepower, and holds additional certifications in Advanced Firefighting, Dangerous Liquids, Marine Electronics/Communications/Radar, Chemical Biological Radiological Defense, CPR and First Aid. Mr. Circelli was awarded the Michael Ricciardi Memorial Scholarship in 2004. He also received a Class of 2004 recognition for exhibiting exceptional leadership and outstanding character as a member of the Regiment.

Mr. Circelli's collegiate achievements extend beyond the classroom and onto the football field where he led the Mariners as a 4-year starting quarterback and 2-year Varsity team captain. He holds three school records, and was named First Team All Conference in 2002 and ECAC and FCC Rookie of the Year in 2000. Mr. Circelli was lauded by head football coach, Tim McNulty, as "the type of competitor that raises the level of play of those around him by his mere presence."

The Superintendent of the Academy, Vice Admiral Joseph Stewart, said that Mr. Circelli "represents all that is good about the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and he is an outstanding example for our regimental values of integrity, service, courage and respect." As a student at the Academy, Mr. Circelli served aboard bulk carriers, naval auxiliaries, and containerships. He was involved in delivering humanitarian aid to Pakistan and China and in supporting the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean theater of operations. He also made numerous North Atlantic crossings to Europe and voyages to the Far East from California. Throughout his time at the Academy, Mr. Circelli proved that he is industrious, conscientious, highly motivated, and interested only in exemplifying the highest standards of moral integrity and leadership. Academy Training Representative, Commander J.C. Flumignan, described Mr. Circelli as "the best this Nation has to offer."

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD A. KELLY, JR.

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my long-time friend, Edward A. "Ed" Kelly as he is honored as the recipient of this year's Lloyd Ritter Community Service Award by the Volunteer Center of Burlington County.

Involved in more than 70 different service clubs, professional organizations and fraternal and charitable nonprofits through the years, Ed Kelly is a man of accomplishment, one who "gets things done."

During the past decade much of his effort has been in the area of veterans service and assistance to active-duty military at nearby McGuire Air Force Base and Fort Dix. Spending much time as a volunteer in Burlington County's Veterans Service Office, Ed continues to serve on Save McGuire and Fort Dix

Committees, is a member of Burlington County's Military Affairs Committee, and is a past State Chairman of the Employers Support of the Guard and Reserve organization.

Ed also has been active in the Burlington County Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America; the Congressional Medal of Honor Society; the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, who honored him with their Legion of Honor Award; and, the Knights of Columbus, who selected him for their Distinguished Citizen Award.

It is obvious to all who come in contact with Ed Kelly that he is a special individual, one whose caring and commitment to the community have led him through a life of volunteering his time and energies for the betterment of others.

For these reasons, it is fitting that he receive this prestigious honor. I thank his loving wife, Millie, for sharing Ed with the community.

#### CHANGING THE HOUSE RULE GOVERNING USE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL FRANK DURING THE PERIOD PRECEDING ELECTIONS

### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. LARSON. Mr. Speaker, I introduced H. Res. 848 in order to conform the pertinent House Rule with the underlying statutory provision governing use of the congressional frank during the period preceding elections.

When the pertinent predecessor provisions of House Rule XXIV, clause 8, were originally adopted, the pre-election cut off was statutorily set at 60 days. However when the pre-election cut off was changed in 1966 to 90 days in the underlying statute, the House did not amend its rules to conform with that change. Thus the House Rule today is out of date.

39 U.S.C. 3210(a)(6)(A) currently reads, in pertinent part:

(6)(A) It is the intent of Congress that a Member of, or Member-elect to, Congress may not mail any mass mailing as franked mail—

(i) if the mass mailing is postmarked fewer than 60 days (or, in the case of a Member of the House, fewer than 90 days) immediately before the date of any primary election or general election (whether regular, special, or runoff) in which the Member is a candidate for reelection; or

(ii) in the case of a Member of, or Member-elect to, the House who is a candidate for any other public office, if the mass mailing—

(I) is prepared for delivery within any portion of the jurisdiction of or the area covered by the public office which is outside the area constituting the congressional district from which the Member or Member-elect was elected; or

(II) is postmarked fewer than 90 days immediately before the date of any primary election or general election (whether regular, special, or runoff) in which the Member or Member-elect is a candidate for any other public office.

H. Res. 848 provides a conforming amendment to make Rule XXIV, clause 8, consistent with the underlying statute. What follows is the pertinent language of the statutory change:

Amendment to the 60 day rule—1996—Subsection (a)(6)(A)(i). Pub. L. 104-197, Sec. 102(a)(1), inserted “(or, in the case of a Member of the House, fewer than 90 days)” after

“60 days”. Subsection (a)(6)(A)(ii)(II). Pub. L. 104-197, Sec. 102(a)(2), substituted “90 days” for “60 days”.

The text of H. Res. 848 follows:

H. RES. 848

*Resolved*, That clause 8 of rule XXIV of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by striking “60” and inserting “90”.

#### REDUCING CERTAIN SPECIAL ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS ON FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

### HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, the Taxpayer-Teacher Protection Act is the right thing to do at the right time. As I said, this closes the loophole for lenders billing the 9.5 percent floor on special allowance by prohibiting this billing on loans from bonds that have been refunded, refinanced, extended, matured, retired, or defeased, on or after October 1, 2004 and before January 1, 2006. Also prohibited is the billing of 9.5 percent floor special allowance by the holder for all loans sold or otherwise pledged, refinanced or transferred to another holder as defined in the Higher Education Act (HEA) on or after October 1, 2004 and before January 1, 2006. While it does allow for limited billing on recycled loans, that billing is permitted only on loans financed by pre-1993 tax-exempt bonds, or within such tax-exempt refunded bonds done prior to October 1, 2004, and only for the duration of these bonds. These prospective changes take a major step in closing the window to these subsidies for loan providers. This bill redirects the savings realized from this change to one of this country's greatest resources—highly qualified teachers. This bill also allows Congress to continue its work on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act to ensure any permanent changes made to this issue are done so with open debate and clear consideration of the students we want to assist in reaching their higher education goals.

#### A TRIBUTE TO WALTER D. KREUTZEN ON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Californian whose dedication to the betterment of southern California has never wavered. Wally Kreutzen, retiring this month, will leave behind a remarkable legacy: A 51-mile network of toll roads he helped to propose, finance and build.

Wally has over 30 years of combined public and private sector experience. He started his professional career working for a major U.S. oil company, and transitioned to the public sector where he worked for the citizens of Costa Mesa and Irvine.

In 1989, Wally began as executive vice president—Finance and Administration for the

Transportation Corridor Agencies, TCA, joint powers agencies charged with building new urban toll roads in Orange County. In that role, he coordinated the development of the initial plans of finance for the Foothill/Eastern and San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridors, which resulted in the issuance of over \$2.7 billion in toll revenue bonds. Wally made it a priority to rely on alternative financing methods to build highways instead of relying on State and Federal gasoline taxes—the first time such innovative methods had ever been used in California.

In 1997, Wally was appointed chief operating officer of the TCA, and in January 1999, he became chief executive officer. He has been responsible for all planning, construction, financing, and operations associated with the Foothill, Eastern and San Joaquin Hills toll roads, used by 290,000 drivers every day—and saving them an estimated 21 minutes per trip.

Wally has an undergraduate degree in Political Science and a masters degree in Public Administration from California State University, Fullerton. He is a former instructor for the University of California Irvine. He is active in a number of organizations dealing with public/private transportation partnerships and with the funding and maintenance of public infrastructure.

On behalf of my colleagues, let me join the many friends, coworkers and admirers in wishing Wally Kreutzen nothing but the best in his retirement. He leaves behind an enormously positive legacy for Orange County's residents.

#### HONORING MR. RONALD VOORHEIS

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mr. Ronald Voorheis upon his retirement after 48 years of service to the citizens of the Charter Township of White Lake, Michigan.

Ron's roots in White Lake date back to 1840 when his great-great grandfather bought more than 300 acres of land. The Voorheis family farmed the land until the 1970s when Ron's father retired from farming. Nineteen acres remain in the Voorheis family today.

Ron was appointed Township Treasurer in 1956, a period when White Lake Township had a population of 4,000 and was governed by a five-member, part-time board. The fire department was volunteer, the chiefs were part-time, and there was no central dispatch. The wives of the firemen took turns in answering the fire calls from their houses. The police officers were paid just \$1 per year.

Since then, the population of the township has grown to more than 30,000 citizens. Many of the farms are gone, and the main two-lane highway is a now a four-lane highway with a beautiful boulevard. The fire department and the police department are staffed with full-time professional firefighters and police officers. Ron has been a member of the leadership team guiding the growth of the township, helping to ensure the quality of life for all of the residents.

While Ron will be admired for his leadership and contributions to White Lake Township far

into the future, he should also be recognized for his service to the Michigan Townships Association where he served as a board member since 1968 and as the organization's president in 1978. Even though he will be leaving public service, Ron intends to remain active in the White Lake Historical Society and his church.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mr. Ronald Voorheis upon his retirement, and thank him for his fine service to our community and our country, and wish him the best.

HONORING CLARENCE EDWARD  
STANFORD, SR., ON HIS 80TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a happy birthday to one of Northwest Florida's true patriarchs, Clarence Edward Stanford, Sr., who celebrated his 80th birthday on November 13, 2004.

Ed Stanford has led a distinguished life beginning with his service to the U.S. Armed Forces in World War II. After his tour of duty Ed moved to Pensacola in 1953 and has continued to share his patriotism with the citizens of Northwest Florida. In 1961, Ed successfully developed a million dollar general insurance agency, where he worked full-time until his retirement in 1979.

Those who really know Ed have elected him President of the Pensacola Kiwanis Club, Christian Business Men's Committee, his local PTA, the Easter Seal Society of Northwest Florida, the Independent Insurance Agent of Pensacola, and the Industrial Toastmasters. He also served as a Commissioner to the NW Florida Housing Authority, as a Trustee to Florida Baptist Children's Home, served on the Board of Directors for the Waterfront Rescue Mission, and on the Board of Missions for Southern Baptist of Florida. As an active member of the community, Ed earned the respect of citizens and had a new found love for Northwest Florida.

In addition to giving of himself and his time in the interest of the greater good, Ed served 12 years on the Escambia County School Board, for 2 years as Vice-Chairman and 2 years as Chairman. As a school board member, Ed gave over a thousand motivational talks to Escambia County students. During his last 10 years in office, he visited every sixth grade class in the county. The students listened and responded to his lessons of achievement. Ed's sense of humor and ability to motivate young people made these visits a true success.

During his distinguished career, Ed has received a number of recognitions for service to his community. He was honored with the 1988 "God in Government" award, and in the same year also received a special award from the Escambia Search and Rescue for 10 years of fund raising. Additionally, the Parent Teacher Association of six local schools honored him in 1988 with a PTA lifetime Membership award.

He continues to serve his community by sitting on the Board of Directors of the West Florida Blood Bank and on the Board for the Foundation for Excellence in Education. Ed is deserving of these awards because of his dedication, hard work, and positive attitude he brings to everyone he meets.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, I extend to this special man warm birthday greetings and wishes of many more to come. I offer my sincere thanks for all he has done for Northwest Florida.

IN MEMORY AND TRIBUTE TO THE  
LATE WILLIAM M. BURKE

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory and tribute to the late William M. Burke, who passed away recently after a brief illness. Mr. Burke was Founder and President of the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, established in 1975 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian educational organization that allows college students from all around the country and the world to have access to academic internships in Washington, D.C.

To those who knew him on and off the Hill, Mr. Burke was an indefatigable leader, brimming with vision and ideals—a mentor, a teacher, a friend, and, most importantly, the source of inspiration to countless young leaders. The institution that he built and nurtured has earned a lasting and enduring place in experiential education. Under Bill Burke's leadership, the Washington Center educated thousands of young people from the United States and abroad, and achieved great respect in the academic, business, nonprofit, and legislative communities in its 30 years of existence.

Bill Burke shaped the Washington Center into an institution to mentor, nurture, and develop leaders in politics, the nonprofit sector, media, business, and other fields. It was Bill's desire that our young people learn those values that are important in our future leaders: self-respect, selflessness, dedication, ethics, courage, teamwork, and the highest standards of work.

He believed that it is important for young people to discover that they are already leaders, and that they inherently possess qualities that they can take back to their communities and college campuses, whether they are from a village in Mexico, a small town in our heartland, or a big city. He saw that the world was full of possibility and promise, opportunity and optimism, and that we can change it, one person, and one neighborhood, at a time.

Mr. Burke passionately believed that an interchange between our young people is essential in furthering understanding, here and abroad, and in giving people the tools to develop their communities, block by block. He said that it was important for a kid from Kansas to meet a student from Kenya, and a student from Mexico to meet peers from Canada and California, and see that our differences

are not that vast, and it is our great commonality of purpose that unites us. He grasped the importance of experiential education in international development, and at the time of his death, the Center was well on its way to establishing programs where students go back to their communities with the skills and contacts to better people's lives.

Mr. Burke was a master presenter and motivator. He used to look at a sea of young people, and proclaim that they should get to know the person sitting on their right and the person on their left, because, Washington is a small town, brimming with former interns, and you can never tell for whom you will be working, and who will make a difference in the world! He had an encyclopedic knowledge of all of the personalities of Washington, and he could inspire students with his vast knowledge of who, at one time, had served an internship. He was known to name some important leader, and finish the comment with: "And they were an intern!"

Mr. Burke tirelessly championed the involvement of members of Congress and the executive branch, corporate CEOs, foreign dignitaries, media luminaries, leaders in philanthropy, nonprofit leaders, state legislators, and college and university presidents, and the Center's 33,000 alumni in various aspects of the Washington Center.

Bill Burke's innovation and singular belief in the importance of providing college students equal access to the Washington Center led to the development of such programs as Women as Leaders, Minority Leaders Fellowship Program, Diversity in Congress Program, NAFTA Internship Program, Internship Initiative for Students with Disabilities, Native American Program, Americas Program and the Washington Center's growing international programs. In addition, in order to assure accessibility of programs regardless of the students' economic background, Bill Burke perseveringly sought philanthropic partnerships for scholarship support for the students who participate in these programs.

A native of Norwood, Massachusetts, Mr. Burke earned a Master's in Education from the University of Massachusetts, his Bachelor of Science in Management from American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts, and an Associate's degree in Accounting from Norwalk Community College, Norwalk, Connecticut. He also received an honorary Doctorate of Law from Richard Stockton State College. He once remarked that he loved every job he had ever held.

Mr. Burke is survived by his wife, Sheila McRevey Burke, and two children, Barry and Reavey. We offer our condolences to Sheila, Barry, and Reavey, and to his colleagues, friends, and the thousands of former students who were touched by this good man's life and example. And so, Mr. Speaker, we say: in the loving memory of Bill Burke, we salute him. May the Lord bless and keep him close, and may his family and numerous friends find comfort in the knowledge that his legacy and life's work go on.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ARISTIDES DE SOUSA MENDES, HUMANITARIAN AND WORLD WAR II HERO

## HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the death of World War II hero, Aristides de Sousa Mendes. Mr. Sousa Mendes, the defamed Consul General of Portugal to Bordeaux, France, spared more than 30,000 lives from the perils of Hitler's Nazi regime.

In May of 1940, the Nazis broke through French defense's in Sedan and Hitler's blitzkrieg exploded over the French borders. In a matter of days, a deluge of refugees from Paris, Warsaw, Berlin and Riga headed towards Southern France hoping to flee to neutral Portugal or Spain via Bordeaux. Using pushcarts, trucks, wagons and any other ramshackle mode of transportation, thousands of Jewish refugees and others of "ill-defined nationality," according to the Nazis, stormed the city of Bordeaux in hopes of obtaining the transit visa needed to exit France. Homeless and laden with their salvaged belongings, men, women and children slept in the streets and on the park benches of Bordeaux. The Jewish refugees sought out the Bordeaux synagogue in seek of shelter and care.

Kindled by Nazi propaganda, rampant anti-Semitism plagued Bordeaux as the flood of Jewish refugees spread through the streets. The situation for the thousands of refugees became more desperate day by day. The wealthier refugees managed to book sea passage and left Europe for safer shores. The remaining helpless masses became increasingly despairing as Spanish General Franco, indebted to Hitler, was determined not to allow refugees to infiltrate the Spanish borders. Unless refugees held a Portuguese issued transit visa on their person, they were unable to flee to Portugal via Spain.

In November of 1939, Portuguese Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar issued a directive, which forbade his diplomats in Europe from granting transit visas to categories of people without explicit permission from Lisbon. Included in these categories were "Jews expelled from the countries of their nationality or those from whence they issue", "stateless persons," and "all those who cannot safely return to the countries from whence they came." Subsequently, on May 17, 1940, days after the Nazis invaded France; Salazar declared that under no circumstances was any visa to be granted unless previously authorized by Lisbon, and only on a case-by-case basis.

Serving as the Portuguese Consul-General, Aristides de Sousa Mendes witnessed the clamoring throngs of refugees at the gates of the Portuguese Consulate in Bordeaux. Disregarding the Premier, Sousa Mendes declared, "I will grant a visa to whoever needs it, whether they can afford it or not. I will act in accordance to what my Christian conscience tells me."

Indiscriminately, Sousa Mendes distributed transit visas in Bordeaux, Bayonne and Hendaye near the Franco-Spanish border. Sousa Mendes issued 30,000 transit visas and

opened up a refugee escape route assumed to have saved the lives of over one million World War II refugees. Ten thousand of these refugees were Jews certain to have perished at the hands of the Nazis in extermination camps. The other 20,000 visas appeared in the passports of artists, writers, intellectuals, journalists, priests, nuns and others whose beliefs did not embody those of the fascist regime of Hitler's Nazi empire.

Sousa Mendes became known as the "Angel of Bordeaux." He and his beloved wife Angelina welcomed refugees into their own home. The halls, chambers and grounds of the Portuguese Consulate were filled with hungry, exhausted and terrorized individuals awaiting visas that promised them life.

By June 17, 1940, an arbitrary system of gathering stacks and stacks of passports, stamping them with the coveted visas, and redistributing the documents without fee, record or count became Sousa Mendes' unceasing mission.

As conditions worsened in France, more and more refugees fled to the South of France in hopes of fleeing to Portugal. On June 19, 1940, Sousa Mendes left his family in Bordeaux to assist more refugees in the Franco-Spanish border city of Bayonne. Overtaking the Consul General in Bayonne, he began to distribute exit visas to the thousands lined up all around the Consulate. In Bayonne, a telegram was sent to Lisbon from the actual Bayonne Consul General, Mr. Machado, informing Salazar of Sousa Mendes' activities.

Two telegrams were sent to Sousa Mendes. One telegram demanded that Sousa Mendes cease his visa production and the second informed Sousa Mendes of his dismissal. Neither telegram was received, as Sousa Mendes had already moved to the border city Hendaye, to continue distribution. However, on June 24, 1940, he returned to Bordeaux and received the telegram with orders to leave France. Sousa Mendes disregarded the notice and thought of a method to keep the trapped refugees out of concentration camps: he began to issue Portuguese passports. Again he was rebuked by Lisbon and ordered to depart from France.

Due to the group of prestigious individuals Sousa-Mendes saved, including Otto Habsburg, members of the Rothschilds family and members of the Belgian cabinet, Premier Salazar initially acknowledged the good press resulting from Sousa-Mendes' disobedience. Regardless, shortly thereafter, Salazar shunned Sousa Mendes, rendering this hero a disgraced, persona non grata.

Closely monitored by Portuguese authorities, Sousa Mendes and his family were condemned to humiliation, destitution and infamy. Merely weeks before the end of the war, Sousa Mendes suffered a stroke and was left paralyzed. Eight years later his wife, Angelina, who served with Sousa Mendes tirelessly throughout the insanity of their days in Bordeaux issuing exit visas and passports, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in 1948 and perished six months later.

On April 3, 1954, Aristides de Sousa Mendes died at the Franciscan Hospital of the Tertiary Order in Lisbon. The Portuguese government never pardoned him while he still lived. Finally, in 1987, President Mario Soares granted Sousa Mendes the Portuguese Order of Freedom and publicly apologized to his surviving family for the injustices their family endured.

Mr. Speaker, as you know my wife Annette and I were saved from death by Raoul Wallenberg. Aristides de Sousa Mendes action's were equally valiant, as Ben Macintyre said, "Like Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews from Auschwitz in 1944 and 1945 by issuing them with diplomatic documents, de Sousa Mendes risked his life and destroyed his career by following his conscience."

Despite Sousa Mendes' noble sacrifice, the public at large is not aware of the courage and bravery of this man. However, one organization that does honor this man's life, and recognizes the importance of acknowledging the power of one to make a difference, is the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation.

In recognition of those who strive to emulate the courageous and selfless acts of Wallenberg and de Sousa Mendes, the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation minted a commemorative Aristides de Sousa Mendes medal. This Medal is presented yearly to individuals from all walks of life whose lives exhibit an unwavering commitment to humanitarian values, and a willingness to risk one's own life for fellow human beings, as Wallenberg and Sousa Mendes did in World War II.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of this great humanitarian's death. It is imperative to me and my wife, that this unsung hero's legacy is recognized and celebrated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Aristides de Sousa Mendes.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 23RD STREET ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ANNUAL AWARD LUNCHEON

## HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of the 23rd Street Association, its president, Sharon L. Ullman and the Association's 2004 honoree, North Fork Bank, on the occasion of the Association's 75th anniversary celebration and award luncheon. The 23rd Street Association is an outstanding organization that addresses community concerns and fosters a wholesome environment for those who live and work between 18th and 28th Streets in Manhattan.

The 23rd Street Association was formed in 1929 by 22 local businesspeople to improve environmental conditions and promote economic development in Manhattan. Today, the Association addresses a broad range of citizen complaints and concerns by working closely with local community boards as well as city, state and federal government agencies. The Association is also actively involved with local police precincts to improve area security and prevent drug sales, theft and other crimes. Whether purchasing and planting over 200 trees from the City Parks Department or working with the New York Department of Transportation to improve traffic conditions, the Association's commitment to community service has been exceptional.

One of the Association's most notable achievements is its Campaign for the New Madison Square Park, which raised more than

\$11 million to revitalize the park with art shows, music, children's programming and improved grounds maintenance. I am proud to say that with the Association's help, Madison Square Park has truly become an oasis in the heart of Manhattan and a source of pride for those who live nearby.

The 23rd Street Association's president of 10 years, Sharon L. Ullman, has been an instrumental part of the Association's success. Her dedication to public service is truly inspiring: Ms. Ullman served as the Warden of Madison Square Park for four years, has been a longtime board member of the Associated Blind and the Gramercy Park Block Association and has received community service awards from Concerned Citizens Speak and New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Ms. Ullman was also named one of the top 100 New Yorkers by New York Resident magazine.

The Association's 2004 honoree is North Fork Bank, which will be represented by North Fork's Senior Vice President, Carl M. Gambino. The Bank's 15 New York City branches are vital elements of our community, employing more than 250 New Yorkers and managing more than \$1.5 billion in assets. Mr. Gambino, who was born and raised in Greenwich Village, has served as the director of the 23rd Street Association, the New York City Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the East Village Business Association. Mr. Gambino is an inspiring humanitarian and business leader whose Christmas Toy Drive and financial counseling initiatives have greatly benefitted New York City children.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the 23rd Street Association, its president, Sharon L. Ullman, and its honoree, North Fork Bank.

#### REMEMBERING ORVILLE G. BENTLEY

#### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2004 the University of Illinois College of Agriculture lost one of the most influential leaders in its history. Orville G. Bentley served as Dean of the College from 1965–1982. When Mr. Bentley took the helm, the facilities of the College were below par, making it hard to retain graduate students and faculty. However, he quickly became the College's champion for improving research and teaching facilities and as a result, the College of Agriculture, is today among the best in the country.

Apart from improvements on campus, Orville was most proud of the vital international work the University of Illinois provided during his tenure. Under his stewardship the University of Illinois made substantial contributions to creating new agricultural institutions in Africa and the Asian sub-continent.

Dean Bentley left the University of Illinois in 1982 to join the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but he will be remembered as someone who always made time for his colleagues and thoroughly enjoyed welcoming visitors from different parts of the world. In his 17 years of service to the University of Illinois, Orville G. Bentley was instrumental in improv-

ing the College's facilities and in making Illinois a leader in the international agricultural arena. His contributions will be treasured and his character will be missed.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF TERRI ANN SIMMS GRIER

#### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Terri Ann Simms Grier a great citizen and dedicated public servant who recently passed away at the age of 42.

Terri Ann Simms Grier was born July 12, 1962 in Cleveland, Ohio to Emmet and Evelyn Simms. Upon graduation from high school she went on to pursue her education at Smith College and would later graduate from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Employed for 13 years with the American Transport Association as a legislative analyst, Terri represented ATA at both the federal and state level on legislative matters. Additionally, she served as President of the Employee Association and was well respected in the field of government relations.

Terri was an active member of the Washington Government Relations Group, a non partisan organization of African-American lobbyists and government relations professionals, where she held the office of secretary through two administrations spanning four years (1998–2001).

Terri enjoyed traveling and had visited such countries as France, Spain, Egypt, Amsterdam, Iceland, Brazil, Mexico, Jamaica, Portugal and the Bahamas. She was also fluent in both French and Spanish. A devoted wife and mother to her husband Glen and son Jamir Langston Grier, here greatest joy was her family.

May Terri Ann Simms Grier's legacy of love live on in the hearts, minds and deeds of everyone who knew her.

#### HONORING LEE ROSENBERG

#### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Lee Rosenberg and Rabbi Kudan for winning the Humanitarian Award of the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois.

I am proud to call Lee a good friend and to recognize his achievements today on the House floor. Affectionately known by his many friends as "Rosy," Lee Rosenberg has dedicated a lifetime toward advancing the cause of human rights and social equality in Israel and for the Jewish people around the world. I have often discussed foreign policy matters with Lee and benefited from his impressive knowledge, insight, and advocacy for state of Israel and humanitarian affairs.

I was honored to attend the Humanitarian Award Dinner, which recognized Lee's outstanding contributions on November 11th. The ceremony was hosted by the Holocaust Me-

morial Foundation of Illinois—an organization working to preserve the value and dignity of human life through remembrance of the events surrounding the Holocaust.

Since 1986, the Foundation has presented its Humanitarian Award to honor distinguished citizens who have helped embody the ideals of the organization. Lee Rosenberg's contributions over the past twenty years have reflected these ideals and his impeccable reputation as one of Chicago's most active leaders in the Jewish philanthropic community.

In addition, Lee has worked tirelessly to improve his community through active membership in the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, the Jewish Community Relations Council, AIPAC, and as a board member for several private sector and not-for-profit corporations.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lee Rosenberg for receiving the Humanitarian Award bestowed by the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois. The Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, and indeed the city of Chicago, are proud of Lee's achievements and for winning this prestigious award. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank Lee for his contributions to community service and wish him continued success in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO SGT CLAY PEACOCK

#### HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize SGT Jay C. Peacock who was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor for his actions of heroism during the Vietnam War. SGT Peacock, known as Clay, received the Bronze Star during a special ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11, 2004.

During the Vietnam War, SGT Peacock was a Ground Radio Operator for the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron. On October 26, 1969, during an attack by the North Vietnamese Army, SGT Peacock was deployed by helicopter into the Special Forces Camp at Bu Prang. Heavy fighting with constant artillery, mortar, and small arms fire continued through October 28th.

Mr. Speaker, SGT Peacock distinguished himself during the attack by dividing his time between his radio operator duties and taking care of the Officer in Charge who was wounded on the second day of the North Vietnamese siege.

At dusk on the second night, supporting aircraft were called to help prevent the North Vietnamese from overrunning the camp. Knowing that their friendly position had to be marked for supporting aircraft, SGT Peacock put himself in the line of fire to successfully mark their position with strobe lights from his survival vest. Because of his unselfish actions, the aircraft were able to force the North Vietnamese army to retreat.

Mr. Speaker, although his heroic actions took place over 30 years ago, SGT Peacock received his long overdue and much deserved medal surrounded by family and friends on Veterans Day. With great pleasure, I rise today to congratulate this wonderful achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMPIRE CITY  
IRON WORKS ON THE OCCASION  
OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Empire City Iron Works, the oldest and largest steelmaker in New York City. For the past 100 years, Empire City Iron Works has played an integral role in developing New York's distinctive urban landscape. At a time when many of its competitors are struggling, Empire City's specialized service and ability to adapt to changing market conditions make it a model for new businesses in the region.

Empire City Iron Works was established in 1904 by Leopold Heffner, an ironworker who immigrated to the United States from Austria. Early in its history, Empire City produced cast iron frames and covers for coal-delivery holes installed in New York City sidewalks, some of which remain to this day. During World War II, Empire City's employees worked diligently to provide supplies to the U.S. Navy, constructing ammunition boxes and gun racks, as well as watertight doors for ships produced in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. In later years, Empire City made enormous contributions to New York City's power grid, one of the most reliable networks in the country. In cooperation with Consolidated Edison, the company built almost every power plant in the New York metropolitan area.

Today, Empire City Iron Works furnishes and installs a wide range of metal products including steel pan and ornamental stairs, structural steel, railings and walkways. On occasion, it works directly with artists, cutting and fitting pieces to create sculptures according to the artist's specifications. The company has also undertaken a number of high-profile projects in recent years, such as the extensive renovation of the Museum of Modern Art and the construction of the first new building at the World Trade Center site. With projects ranging from the Time Warner Center in Manhattan to the Atlantic Center Mall in Brooklyn, Empire Iron Works continues to thrive; at present, it has more than 75 employees at its factory in Long Island City, Queens.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that my distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to this fine company and its exceptional work in New York City. I wish the management and employees of Empire City Iron Works another 100 years of success.

REMEMBERING WILLARD T.  
"BILL" HODGE

### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on September 21, 2004, Willard T. "Bill" Hodge got on his tractor to clear some brush and weeds from his farm. It would be the last time this prolific farmer would tend to his historic and treasured land, but his contributions to agriculture in Illinois will be remembered for many harvests to come.

Bill Hodge started farming in Champaign County in 1956 on his farm in Seymour, Illinois, which to this day remains one of the oldest farms in the county. In the 1970's, Bill served on the Champaign County Zoning Board where he had the opportunity to venture from township to township listening to the concerns of area farmers. Mr. Hodge used this experience to come to Washington, DC to tell agriculture's story to members of Congress. He also served on former Representative Ed Madigan's Farm Advisory Committee.

In 1981, The News Gazette named Bill Hodge Farm Leader of the Year. He served on the Champaign County Forest Preserve District from 1987 to 1993 during which he was credited for leading the district stably and successfully.

Bill Hodge cared deeply about what was good for his fellow farmer. This intertwined with his interest in local politics as he made successful efforts to get his colleagues involved in the process.

While many in Champaign County feel the loss of Bill Hodge, comfort can be taken in the fact that he passed away on a gorgeous Tuesday in September doing what he loved the most. Whether it was tending to his own farm or helping the agriculture community in Champaign County, Bill Hodge always left the land in better shape than he found it.

He will truly be missed.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL  
BIBLE WEEK NOVEMBER 21-28, 2004

### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of National Bible Week. I am honored and pleased to serve as Congressional Co-chair for National Bible Week, November 21-28, 2004. It is my hope and expectation that people of faith throughout the United States will join together to celebrate the Bible's core messages of fellowship, justice, peace, righteousness and love. I am proud to be a part of this annual event.

I congratulate the National Bible Association for its dedication to encouraging people to read and take interest in the Holy Bible. Indeed, it is a special privilege to have the opportunity to be guided and inspired daily by words, phrases and stories some of which are 3,000 years old. These ancient writings have been an extraordinary source of strength, guidance and wisdom to persons across this nation and around the world.

The Holy Bible is an extraordinary living document—like our Constitution—which continues to inform our thinking as well as our national conversation on both moral and ethical issues. I'm delighted to join in this celebration of National Bible Week.

HONORING BILL AND SHEILA LAMBERT AND RABBI PETER J. RUBINSTEIN

### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sheila and Bill Lambert, as well as Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein, for receiving the International Humanitarian Award, which is the highest honor that the World Union for Progressive Judaism can bestow. These three distinguished individuals have worked diligently and selflessly to advance the cause of human rights and social equality, and I am proud to recognize their many achievements on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

I was honored to be invited to attend the International Humanitarian Awards Dinner hosted by the World Union for Progressive Judaism, which represents over 2,000,000 progressive Jewish congregations in over 41 countries. This respected organization seeks to strengthen modern Jewish life through supporting congregations; integrating Jewish religious traditions with inclusiveness and gender equality; and advancing social justice in the spirit of tikkun olam, which means repairing the world.

Sheila Lambert's professional experience includes twenty years at The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation. Her extensive volunteer experience focuses on Jewish continuity and helping underserved and disadvantaged populations, particularly women and children.

A member of the board of Project Keshet, Sheila is the Founder and Board President of Bottomless Closet, and is a member of the Board of Governors and Overseers of Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion. In addition, Sheila is a Founder and Board Chair of Summerbridge, is on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Children's Learning Lab, which is a children's museum, and is the former Vice President of the Board at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, a major Reform congregation in Manhattan. She is also a member of the Advocacy Council for the Citizen's Committee for Children.

Sheila's husband, Bill, has always shared her devotion to the mission of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. He is currently the Vice Chairman for Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein and is one of the four founding partners of Wasserstein Parella Group, Inc. I have tremendous respect for their selfless dedication to peace and their impressive record of accomplishments in advancing humanitarian goals. They are shining examples of leadership and commitment to a more humane society, and I am proud to call them good friends.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Sheila and Bill Lambert, and Rabbi Rubinstein for receiving the International Humanitarian Award. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank them for their contributions to community service and wish them continued success well into the future.



TRIBUTE TO REDSTONE-HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S. ARMY

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army for being named the "Best Overall" AUSA Chapter in the country. Chapter President Joe Fitzgerald accepted the award on behalf of chapter members during the AUSA National Convention in Washington.

AUSA is dedicated to supporting the U.S. Army and maintaining a strong national defense. AUSA achieves its goals by supporting the needs and interests of soldiers, retirees, and family members.

As the home of Redstone Arsenal, the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, and numerous defense partners, North Alabama has earned an excellent reputation for its role protecting the warfighter and defending our national security.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA, which was founded in 1959, has been a strong advocate and voice for North Alabama's warfighters. All of us in North Alabama are very proud of the hard work and commitment AUSA has always exhibited.

Mr. Speaker, this award is wonderful news for our community and I rise on behalf of everyone in North Alabama to express our sincere congratulations to the members of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA.

IN RECOGNITION OF ABRAHAM LAZAR ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Abraham Lazar, a great American and longtime resident of New York. On Sunday, November 7, 2004, Abraham's many friends, family and colleagues gathered in his current hometown of Lake Worth, Florida to celebrate his 80th birthday. Birthdays are a time for reflection, and I feel that it is fitting to pay tribute to this truly remarkable man. Abraham Lazar served his country with distinction, both in the U.S. naval service and in civilian life. I am privileged to be able to share some of his more memorable exploits with you.

Mr. Lazar and his ten brothers and sisters were born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. He attended Brooklyn Technical High School and graduated shortly after the United States entered World War II. At the age of seventeen, Abe enlisted in the Navy and quickly established a distinguished service record.

Abe served in both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of battle. Mr. Lazar participated in the Battle of Peleliu, a struggle for a tiny airstrip amid the Palau Islands of the Western Pacific. Despite the island's small size, the battle for Peleliu lasted nearly two months and claimed more than 12,000 lives. Allied forces ultimately

prevailed and captured the island, but Mr. Lazar was severely wounded in the battle. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his sacrifice.

Abe received another Purple Heart during the war, this time for his service in the Atlantic. I understand that Mr. Lazar's landing craft was sunk in the North Atlantic by a German U-Boat. Abe was forced overboard, and the fleeing submarine strafed his life raft with gunfire; despite these incredible dangers, Abe managed to survive, spending nearly twelve hours in open water before he was rescued. For his heroic service, Abe was promoted to Chief Motor Machinist's Mate, one of the highest ranks to which an enlisted sailor can be named.

After the war, Abe attended New York University and received a bachelor's degree, with honors, in engineering. In civilian life, Mr. Lazar worked with noted scientist Wernher von Braun to develop the Pershing missile system and was also employed by the Bulova Corporation to design and manufacture missile timing devices. Mr. Lazar is currently enjoying a well-deserved retirement in Florida, where he lives with his wife of 56 years, Anita.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in honoring Abraham Lazar's lifetime of service to our nation. I'm sure that Abe's family, longtime friends and colleagues will join me in wishing him many more years of happiness. Happy birthday, Mr. Lazar.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
ANDRE MARIE CROOKE DYAR

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad but rejoicing heart that I speak today about an extraordinary woman, Andre Marie Crooke Dyar, who was taken to her eternal home in Heaven on October 8, 2004.

I became friends with Andre when I first ran for State Representative in 1998. She was one of the most loyal people I knew. I am a better person for knowing Andre and the world is a better place because of her life.

Andre had a special love for children both born and in the womb. For a number of years she worked in the neonatal intensive care nursery at Sacred Heart Hospital, helping premature newborn babies get a non-compromised start in life. Continuing to have a positive influence on children's lives, Andre could always be found volunteering at Sunday school on Wednesday nights and at Vacation Bible School during the summer.

From the moment the law allowed the taking of innocent life, Andre's faith in God incited her passion for politics. Her first political campaign was in 1976, helping Ronald Reagan move from the California Governor's Mansion to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, her disabling disease made the 2002 elections her last.

In our local community of Northwest Florida, Andre was active in numerous civic organizations, from participating as an active member to Chairman of the Board. She spent many hours serving on the Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, the Escambia County Republican Executive Com-

mittee, the Center for Independent Living, and Escambia Federated Republican Women's Club. Last year, the Federated Women's Club presented Andre with an Honorary Lifetime Membership award, the first of its kind ever presented.

Andre was overflowing with life and had the drive and dedication to move a mountain despite her physical challenges. The vast majority of people would have given up and turned resentful, but she kept going and always wanted to do something more, to help somebody else.

May God rest her soul and continue to bless her family.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL  
P. DEVINE

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the recent retirement of an accomplished administrator, skilled scientist, and true patriot. Michael P. Devine of Sparta, New Jersey ended 36 years of dedicated service to our Nation on November 4 as he retired as Director of the United States Army Research, Development and Engineering Command ARDEC, headquartered at Picatinny Arsenal.

Situated on a 6,500-acre military installation, located in Rockaway Township, New Jersey, Picatinny Arsenal plays a unique role in the United States' ability to wage war. There is no other comprehensive armaments facility like it in the country. The base is a one-of-a-kind facility that provides virtually all of the lethal mechanisms used in Army weapon systems and those of the other military services. This unique facility requires special leadership.

Mike Devine became ARDEC Director in June 2004. As director, he exercised complete responsibility for all the activities at ARDEC. From September 2000 to June 2004, he was Technical Director of ARDEC, responsible for all technical matters. He managed an annual budget in excess of \$600 million dollars and supervised a technical staff of approximately 1,700 scientists and engineers and 900 support personnel.

As ARDEC Technical Director, and later as Director of ARDEC, Mike Devine provided critically important leadership—leadership that provided our joint warfighters with the tools they need to prosecute the international war on terrorism, to fight and win the war in Iraq and Afghanistan and protect and secure our homeland. During his tenure alone, 103 separate new armament products were released to soldiers and other services members. So far in 2004, 17 urgent fieldings of military equipment for use by forces in Iraq and Afghanistan were approved by Devine.

These fieldings have broad scope and include weapon systems, fire control and munitions for artillery, mortars, tanks and infantry, as well as alternatives to anti-personnel land mines, non lethal munitions and environmental research and development.

Mr. Devine worked as a research physicist prior to assuming significant management responsibility. Over the course of his career, his experience in the Army and Office of the Secretary of Defense spanned virtually all Army

weapons systems and associated ammunition. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including two Army Research and Development Achievement Awards, the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Association of the United States Army Citation for Exceptional Service in Support of National Defense, the American Defense Preparedness Association Firepower Award for Management. He has also been inducted into the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. He holds two patents and has authored numerous open literature technical publications.

While he built a long and valuable career in service to our warfighters, Mike Devine still found time to give back to his home community. In 1992, he was elected to a four year term on the Sparta, New Jersey, Township Council and was reelected in 1996. He also served as Mayor in 1994 and 2000.

Mr. Speaker, I have just outlined a public service career of exceptional quality. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mike Devine for his many contributions to our national security. We wish Mike and his family "God-speed" in the months and years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL  
THOMAS D. BUTLER, JR.

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man that has dedicated his life to protecting our country. Colonel Thomas D. Butler, Jr. After 35 years fulfilling vital support functions in the United States Army, Colonel Butler is retiring.

Thomas Butler joined the Army Reserve as a private in 1969 and served at the Engineering and Plans Section of the 411th Engineer Brigade at Fort Tilden, New York until his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1974, upon which he commanded a platoon at the 306th Engineer Company in Amityville, New York. In July 1977, Butler was assigned to the New York District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as an Assistant Military Area Engineer. In 1987, he returned to the 411th Engineer Brigade and was called to active duty when the Brigade was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Upon returning to reserve status in 1991, Butler assumed command of the 305th Engineer Detachment. During his command, this unit was awarded the U.S. Army Superior Unit Citation and Butler conducted numerous missions in the Republic of Korea and Germany. In 1995 he joined the 77th Regional Support Command as the chief, Plans Division, in the DCS ENGINEER section. In 2001, Butler became Acting Commander of the 8th Brigade (SROTC), 98th Division, and then Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff-Operations, ADCSOPS-OPS of the 77th RSC. In 2002, Butler was reassigned as Deputy Chief of Staff-engineers, DCS-ENGINEER, and then as the first Deputy Chief of Staff—Army Reserve Installation Management.

Colonel Butler is a highly-decorated soldier. His citations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Reserve

Components Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with Service Star, the Kuwait Liberation Medal from both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and the New York State Conspicuous Service medal.

In his civilian capacity, Butler is a Senior Project Manager for the Tishman Interiors Construction Corporation and the former Commissioner of Buildings for the City of Mount Vernon, New York. Butler resides in Tarrytown. I would like to join his wife Cheryl and their children Brent, Kimberly, Blake, Ashley, and all his relatives and friends in congratulating him and wishing him well in his retirement.

HONORING ALVIN BENJAMIN

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Coalition on Child Abuse & Neglect in honoring Alvin Benjamin for his strong commitment to assisting and advocating for victims of child abuse.

Al has been a dedicated supporter of the Coalition on Child Abuse & Neglect, helping them carry out their mission of being a voice for all children. This non-profit organization is devoted to preventing child abuse and expanding services to children and their families. In achieving these goals, the Coalition on Child Abuse & Neglect educates the community about the issues surrounding child abuse and works with them to find adequate solutions to the problems.

In addition to providing aid for child abuse victims, Al is also the Founder and President of the Benjamin Companies, a nationally acclaimed real estate development and management company. The guiding force behind the Benjamin Companies is developing communities that are in harmony with both the residents and the environment. Al started this organization in the early 1960's by building luxury apartment complexes on Long Island, and meeting the needs of the increased number of Long Island residents. Today, the Benjamin Companies has greatly expanded its activities to include projects in New York City (and the surrounding metropolitan areas), New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and even Florida, while continuing to service the residents of Long Island.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Alvin Benjamin for his support for and dedication to victims of child abuse. As the Coalition on Child Abuse & Neglect celebrates 25 years of service to children, they chose to recognize Al's important contributions at their annual Voice for All Children Gala. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in honoring Alvin Benjamin and the Coalition on Child Abuse & Neglect for their efforts in preventing child abuse and wishing them both many more years of success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE BOVARD  
FAMILY

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize to the Bovard Family and their distinguished tradition in the horse industry. Their dedication and success in the industry is due to the contributions of four generations of Bovard family members working on the farm. It is my privilege today in recognizing their achievements before this body of Congress and this Nation.

The Bovard legacy began forty-three years ago when Larry Bovard went out to the race track to look for work after admiring his older brother's work as a horse trainer. He landed a job as a horse groomer for a horse racing tycoon and continued there until he moved onto other work before joining the army in 1969. Upon his return from service, Larry settled in Ridgeway, Colorado with his wife Roma, raising cattle. Roma's family had raised Percheron horses for years and in 1984, the Bovards got their chance to raise their own team. The Bovard family gave sleigh rides, wagon rides, and drove newlyweds about in stage coaches until they acquired ranch property of their own in Montrose. Currently the Bovards have 30 head of award-winning Percheron horses that placed in nine out of twelve class competitions at the National Western Stock Show.

Mr. Speaker, the Bovard family has demonstrated a love for horses that has transcended four generations and their success today is due to the dedication that the entire family puts in day after day from dawn to dusk. I am honored to recognize their accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation.

HONORING ROBERT POIROT

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor Robert Poirot for his exemplary public service as Clear Creek County Commissioner for the past twelve years. I would also like to thank him on behalf of all Coloradans for the in-depth and diverse philanthropic work he has contributed to the community. He is a dedicated public servant who has devoted himself to ensuring that Colorado remains a very special place to live.

Throughout his life, Bob has demonstrated time and time again that he excels in all of his endeavors. Whether it is in the Armed Forces, education, or government, Bob has shown that he can apply his leadership skills effectively in any arena. He has received numerous awards during his long and extensive career, most recently the prestigious Distinguished Service Award of Colorado Counties, Inc. . . . This award is a true testament to Bob's abilities to work together with all interests for the common good.

Between 1959 and 1992, Bob achieved the rank of Brigadier General in the Colorado Army National Guard. During this time, he also

served for thirty-two years as a school teacher, including four years on the Board of Education. At the same time, he found time to coach both football and track. Upon retirement, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Jefferson County School District.

Using his extensive command of the issues, Bob participated in and offered advice to almost every steering committee throughout his twelve years serving as County Commissioner. Building upon this, he also testified here at the nation's Capital in support of legislation to preserve and maintain public lands in Clear Creek County which are important for wildlife and the quality of life in Colorado. During this time, I was able to personally work at length with Bob in mutual support of the environment, an issue that remains high on the agenda of all Coloradans. Thanks to his leadership, more than 6,000 acres of land were properly distributed to public and private land owners, ensuring that the Front Range population will continue to enjoy this cherished and pristine land for many years.

Along these same lines, Bob has worked tirelessly on local issues in the state. As a member of the Board of Directors for the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), Bob spearheaded many regional policies. Working on transportation issues has proved to be one of his strong suits, as he has emphasized the creation of a new bus service to connect adjacent Clear Creek and Jefferson Counties. Another of Bob's transportation successes occurred when he helped gain approval of the Guanella Pass Road Project from the Federal Highway Administration's federal lands program. The result will be to improve this important and scenic roadway affecting numerous jurisdictions including Park County, the Town of Georgetown, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to Robert Poirot for his many years of public service and his contributions to the people of Colorado. Robert has displayed exceptional moral fiber throughout his life, and for that I believe we should acknowledge and celebrate his work and accomplishments. Bob's tireless dedication to his community and country stands as a model for what can be accomplished when citizens participate in our democracy. Although he is leaving his service as a county commissioner, I am sure that he will remain active and involved in the community. I wish him and his family good health and happiness for many years to come.

HONORING BILLY "TINY" RUTTER  
FOR HIS SERVICE AS A COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER OF SUMTER  
COUNTY

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Billy "Tiny" Rutter for his service as a County Commissioner for Sumter County.

On behalf of the residents of Sumter County, I applaud Mr. Rutter for his years of dedication as a public servant. Since 1992, he has

worked tirelessly to provide the residents of Sumter County with excellent leadership and vision. Tiny, as he is affectionately known, can without a doubt say he has raised the level of expectation for future County Commissioners. He not only made Sumter County his home; he made it better. His longtime presence on the board will be greatly missed.

Tiny Rutter is my friend, advisor and mentor. Even when we were from different political parties, he helped me to make inroads with the Sumter County residents. He was such a passionate "Lobbyist" for the needs of Sumter County that no one could decline his ever expanding list of funding requests for the County.

Tiny's devotion to the residents of Sumter County demonstrates the intensity of virtue and selflessness that a public official should aspire to attain. Sumter County is truly saddened by Mr. Rutter's departure; nevertheless, we are immensely grateful for all his years of commitment and hard work.

I wish Mr. Rutter the best in the future and hope he fully enjoys the pleasures of retirement.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. SAVA  
SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN  
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that I congratulate the members of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Merrillville, Indiana as they celebrate their 90th anniversary. The festivities will begin on Sunday, November 14, 2004 with a special service, followed by a banquet to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Beckoning visitors who are traveling on Interstate 65, the golden domes of St. Sava offer an amazing spectacle. However, it is the interior of the church that the parishioners hold sacred. Built from Indiana limestone in a five-year construction project, the present sanctuary located at 9191 Mississippi Street in Merrillville replaced the original St. Sava Church, built in 1914 in Gary, Indiana, after that church was destroyed by fire. The dedicated members of the church came together to worship at the St. Sava "small hall" in Hobart, Indiana while plans were made for their new sanctuary. Undeterred by the loss of their church building, the congregation demonstrated their commitment to each other and to their faith by carrying on with their services at the "small hall" for 13 years.

Mr. Speaker, St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church is led in its faith by the Very Reverend Jovan Todorovich. He has been the priest at the church for 35 of its 90 years, and the proud parishioners are thankful for the spiritual and emotional leadership he has provided during that time. Church President Michael Gallich has attended St. Sava since 1946 and is proud that the church has been able to maintain the Serbian traditions and customs that make their church unique. Father Todorovich believes the anniversary can be used to connect the new generation of the church with its past. Because the congregation has been blessed with tremendous leadership

and good fortune throughout its history, it is appropriate that the celebration of the church's anniversary will be held near the Thanksgiving holiday.

His Grace Bishop Longin, along with the Very Reverend Todorovich, will serve the Holy Hierarchical Liturgy the morning of November 14, which will be followed by a memorial service to be conducted by representatives of a local American Legion at the adjacent Memorial Park to commemorate the fallen soldiers of all wars. The celebration banquet will conclude the festivities, which will feature St. Sava's folklore group and choir, as well as tamburitza orchestras and kolo bands.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the congregation of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church as they celebrate the 90th anniversary of their parish. Blessed with outstanding leadership and unwavering faith, the congregation of St. Sava has enriched Northwest Indiana by bringing the proud and historic Serbian traditions to our community. May God continue to bless the parishioners and the church leaders for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING MR. PAUL SALAZ

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of El Sereno's finest citizens, Mr. Paul Salaz. Even in the last years of his life Mr. Salaz continued to work on behalf of the people in his beloved home of El Sereno. However, on Friday, November 5, 2004 the community lost a great asset when Mr. Salaz passed away.

Mr. Salaz was originally from Santa Paula, California. He married his wife Julia in 1934 and the couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary just this year.

It was after his retirement as an upholstery salesman that Mr. Salaz dedicated his life to community service and helping the people of El Sereno. After 40 years in sales he became an active leader in Los Angeles City Council District 14, most importantly as a member of the Citizens Unit for Participation in Housing and Community Development.

I was fortunate to get to know Mr. Salaz while I was a member of the California State Senate. Mr. Salaz's ability to work with all members of the community was remarkable. He was able to work with the El Sereno Coordinating Council and elected officials of the city of Los Angeles in order to advocate an improved quality of life for all residents.

He also worked with local elected officials on numerous community improvement projects. Some of his accomplishments included the installation of new stop signs at dangerous intersections and the opening of the new Public Library in El Sereno.

Though he was involved with the community all year long, Mr. Salaz always did a little extra for special occasions. During the holiday season Mr. Salaz made sure that impoverished families received food, and gifts for children. He also personally ensured a U.S. flag would be present at the Dr. Donald Newman Memorial every year. And in addition, he encouraged neighbors and schools to participate in

the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Huntington Drive.

And while he did so much for others, never once did he seek any personal reward. Fortunately, Mr. Salaz's efforts did not go unnoticed. As a result of his extensive community involvement, he won the title of Honorary Mayor of El Sereno from 1998–2002.

I can truly say that Mr. Salaz was a wonderful example of community activism, and he found a true reward in helping others. Though he is no longer with us, his memory will live on through his wife, Julia, their 5 children, 13 grandchildren, and 30 great grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF  
PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE  
RESCUE OF DA'JOUR McMILLIAN  
OF FRISCO CITY, ALABAMA

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, the family of Da'Jour McMillian and the residents of the small town of Frisco City, Alabama, have reason to be exceedingly grateful this holiday season. Through the combined efforts of emergency rescue personnel, physicians, and industrial workers from Monroe and Mobile Counties, 22-month-old Da'Jour was saved from a situation that is certainly one of the greatest nightmares that could be experienced by any parent.

On Monday, November 1, 2004, Da'Jour was playing with his brother and sister off Central Street in Frisco City when he fell into an abandoned well measuring 14 feet deep. Almost immediately, the community went to work trying to recover him, an operation that took 13 hours and required the assistance of dozens of personnel. Because of the location of the well in relation to hidden power lines and potential unmarked water lines, the recovery operation was extremely dangerous and required a great deal of careful work and planning.

Through the entire ordeal, Da'Jour demonstrated a calm not usually found in a child of such a young age. In fact, he reassured the rescue workers with waves and smiles and by often telling those at the mouth of the well, "I love you." Of the many reasons this story had a happy ending, none was more important than the positive attitude and playful nature of this little boy.

Mr. Speaker, in the difficult circumstances facing our world today, both here at home and abroad, it is important that Americans should be able to depend on their friends and neighbors in their hour of need. As the rescue of little Da'Jour McMillian clearly demonstrates, there is no obstacle that cannot be overcome without a strong sense of community and cooperation. I ask my colleagues to join with me in saluting not only Da'Jour and his family for their courage, but for the following individuals and organizations who played such an important role in his rescue: Chuck Murph, Rita Smith, Rennie Raines, and J. T. Johnson with the Monroe County Emergency Management Agency; Pastor Freddie Lindsey of the Monroeville Church of the Nazarene; Tom Lindsey of Simmons Ambulance Service; Frisco City Mayor Jim Cave; the Frisco City Volunteer

Fire Department; Chief James Maples and the Frisco City Police Department; Dr. David Stallworth of Monroe County Hospital; Allen Nall of Roto-Rooter; Sam Covert of Alabama Power Company; William Snyder of Monroeville Water Works; Chief Eddie Everette and the Monroeville Fire Department; David Coggins with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency; Chief Mike Dean and the personnel of both the City of Mobile Fire Department and USAR Task Force 1; and Ronnie Wright, Bo Bosarge, and Michael Gates with Smith Industrial Services of Mobile.

Because of their efforts, this little boy and his family will indeed have a very bright holiday season.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS  
SUPPORT FOR "VETERANS"  
BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT  
OF 2004"

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to request that a letter from Al Mansell, the President of the National Association of Realtors, regarding his organization's strong support for the immediate passage of the "Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2004," be placed in the RECORD.

As Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, and as someone who has spearheaded the effort in Congress to raise the VA's home loan guaranty level so that veterans in high cost areas like New Jersey can purchase houses, I am very pleased to have the support of the National Association of Realtors for this important piece of legislation. In fact, I have enjoyed working closely with the National Association of Realtors to improve the VA's home loan guaranty limit.

Mr. Mansell's letter demonstrates his organization's strong commitment to ensuring that the men and women who have honorably served our nation in the military can obtain affordable housing. It has often been said by historians and economists—and accurately, I believe—that the development of America's modern middle class was largely facilitated by two post World War II programs: The G.I. education bill, and the VA's home loan program. A college education, combined with opportunities for home ownership, gave tens of millions of Americans a real stake in our society, and transformed it in positive ways for generations to come.

I am very grateful for the National Association of Realtors' support and hope the House moves expeditiously to pass a final version of the "Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2004," when it is scheduled for floor consideration tomorrow.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®,  
Washington, DC, November 15, 2004.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER SMITH,  
Chairman, House Veterans' Affairs Committee,  
House of Representatives, Cannon House  
Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SMITH: On behalf of the one million members of the National Association of Realtors®, I am writing to urge the immediate passage of S. 2486, the "Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 2004." This legislation passed the Senate under

unanimous consent in October, and similar legislation passed the House in June. S. 2486 includes language to increase the veterans' maximum guaranty from \$60,000 to \$83,425; effectively permitting veterans to purchase homes up to \$333,700. The legislation would also index the loan guarantee limit to 25% of the conforming loan limit. These changes are sorely needed to maintain the VA Home Loan Guarantee program as a vital homeownership tool that provides veterans with a centralized, affordable, and accessible method of purchasing homes in return for their service to our nation.

Under current law, the Department of Veterans Affairs will guarantee loans up to \$60,000 for a total home purchase price up to \$240,000. Because of this limitation the VA loan guarantee is not fully useful in a growing number of areas—especially in high-cost states. In states such as California, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts, the median price of housing in certain areas of these states far exceeds this limit. Due to the high price appreciation being experienced in many states, combined with a relatively slow pace of income growth, many veterans residing in high-cost housing markets have found homeownership unattainable. S. 2486 would address this anomaly and make this important entitlement available to many more qualified veterans regardless of where they chose to live.

The National Association of Realtors® thanks you, Chairman Smith, for your leadership in this area. With your help our veterans will receive the gratitude and assistance they well deserve. We strongly support S. 2486, and urge its quick passage.

Sincerely,

AL MANSELL,  
2005 President.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE NORMANDY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 150th year of existence of the Normandy United Methodist Church of Normandy, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the church's 150th anniversary on Sunday, November 7, 2004, with a special homecoming and luncheon.

Changing its name from the Methodist Episcopal Church South to Normandy United Methodist Church in 1968 is only one way the church has changed in order to positively serve its members and its surrounding community. My parents, Robert and Margaret Gordon, were married at this church in 1947, and the church has fostered ongoing relationships with several others within the community and its congregation since its beginning.

Normandy United Methodist Church has served the community and its congregation for well over a century and a half. Just as the church has renovated and expanded its physical structure, so have they also renovated people's lives by expanding their ministry throughout the neighborhood and around the world.

Normandy is a better place because of the work of Normandy United Methodist Church and its congregation. I am sure the church will continue to make a positive difference in the

community for the next 150 years and congratulate the congregation and Reverend De Hennessy for all the good they have done.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO SUE  
SHELTON**

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sue Shelton, a talented and respected teacher at Rocky Ford High School in Rocky Ford, Colorado. Sue has diligently worked to educate the region's youth for 21 years and is considered a strong leader in her community. It is a privilege to recognize her impeccable service before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Teaching is a family tradition in Sue's family that has involved her mother, grandmother, and most recently, her sister. Sue teaches Language Arts and English at Rocky Ford High School, winning several awards for her excellence in teaching including honors by her fellow faculty members and the student body. Sue makes learning fun for her students and encourages patriotism in the classroom by implementing the Voice of Democracy essay contest into the curriculum. The contest requires students to keep research logs about patriotism and write speeches about what patriotism means to them before submitting their essays to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post that annually chooses a winner.

Mr. Speaker, Sue is a devoted and compassionate teacher that has made learning an exciting and rewarding experience for her students. I am honored to recognize her commitment to teaching Colorado's children for 21 years before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thank you for your service Sue, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION  
TO NAME THE DONALD G.  
BROTZMAN POST OFFICE BUILD-  
ING**

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill which will name the post office at 4985 Moorhead Ave. in Boulder, Colorado the Donald G. Brotzman Post Office Building.

Mr. Brotzman served in this body during the Vietnam War and the Nixon era. Even though our country was highly divided, he rose above partisan politics and reached across the aisle to work in a bipartisan manner. He was the kind of public official I admire.

Don Brotzman died in September at the age of 82. During his lifetime he admirably served both his country and the state of Colorado. Born in Sterling, Colorado, he was an All Conference lineman at the University of Colorado in the 1930s. While attending the CU-Boulder he joined the military and served as a first lieutenant with the 81st Infantry Division in the South Pacific.

When he returned to the United States he finished his degree in both business and law and opened a law firm in Boulder, Colorado. Between 1945 and 1954 he served in both the Colorado State House of Representatives and Senate. In 1959 he was appointed by President Eisenhower as U.S. Attorney.

In 1963, as the nominee for the Republican Party, he was elected to serve the 2nd Congressional District of Colorado in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his five terms in office he served on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. He was instrumental in the passing of the Indian Peaks Wilderness Act, a national program to help runaway youths and establishing a tax credit for higher education expenses. He also helped shape the Clean Air Act and the Public Broadcasting Act. Mr. Brotzman was an early champion of stronger environmental oversight at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, and due to his efforts, the Johnson administration commissioned a scientific study which led to the eventual cleanup and closure of this site.

He was also one of the first members to call for an all-volunteer Army and the end of the draft during the Vietnam War. After serving in Congress, Mr. Brotzman was able to assist in the establishment of the all-volunteer Army when he was named Assistant Secretary to the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs by President Ford. He served in this position for 2 years and explained his job as making "the all-volunteer army work."

In the Colorado State Legislature, Congress and two Republican administrations, Mr. Brotzman served our country and Colorado well. His dedication to acting on his conscience and working on both sides of the aisle to better serve Colorado made him a leader in Congress. I hope my colleagues will join me and the Colorado delegation in honoring this outstanding Coloradan and support the naming of the Donald G. Brotzman Post Office Building.

**HONORING ROBIN COX FOR HIS  
SERVICE AS A COUNTY COMMIS-  
SIONER OF SUMTER COUNTY**

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Robin Cox for his service as a County Commissioner for Sumter County.

Mr. Cox has served the residents of Sumter County with distinction and devotion since 1996. He has tirelessly worked to the fullest of his abilities to provide county residents with the best possible representation. He can without a doubt say that he has raised the level of service provided by the board. Robin's commitment and vision have made Sumter County a better place. We will all miss him greatly. I wish Robin the best in the future and hope that he succeeds in all his endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISH-  
MENTS OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF  
THE CALUMET COUNCIL**

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of the Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council throughout its 50 years of service to the Northwest Indiana community. The special black tie gala celebration and fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2004 at the Ville Cesare in Schererville, Indiana.

The Girl Scouts is an informal educational organization of more than three million girls. The organization was founded in the United States by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912. The Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council is one of 319 councils nationwide whose sole mission is to help all girls reach their fullest potential. This group emphasizes the values of fairness, self-respect, community service, high standards of conduct, and appreciation for diversity, which contribute to the girls becoming successful citizens and future leaders in their communities. Through a value based informal education and recreation program, the Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council also teaches girls how to set and reach goals, improve decision making skills, become leaders, develop values, and contribute to society.

The Calumet Council currently serves over 4,800 girls with an additional 1,700 adult volunteers in Dyer, East Chicago, Griffith, Hammond, Highland, Munster, St. John, Schererville, and Whiting, Indiana and Burnham, Calumet City, Lansing, and Lynwood, Illinois. With the help of the many adult volunteers, girls in the Calumet Council participate in a variety of activities and programs. Over the last 50 years, Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council has helped mold thousands of young women in Indiana's First Congressional District into responsible, dynamic, and successful leaders in the community. The Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council has achieved success in inspiring and enabling young females to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council, as well as its staff and community leaders, on their 50th anniversary. Their many accomplishments and service to Lake County, Indiana will forever be cherished and commended.

**RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE  
OF THE NEW EAST LOS ANGE-  
LES CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of the East Los Angeles Civic Center Library. For too long the East Los Angeles community has been deprived of a quality library.

The 28,000 square foot library facility will provide a state of the art computer lab, a children's learning center and a Chicano Resource Center to extend educational and cultural services to children, families, and the entire community.

The East Los Angeles Civic Center Library was made possible through the leadership efforts of Supervisor Gloria Molina and collaboration between local merchants, community leaders, the Los Angeles County Library Foundation, and the County of Los Angeles Public Library.

It is with great pleasure that I recognize the vision and commitment of communities who care about our future generations.

HONORING THE TOWN OF  
ELBERTA, ALABAMA, ON THE  
OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the community of Elberta, Alabama, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding.

The site for Elberta was initially chosen by three German businessmen—Alexander Klappenback, F.W. Herdrick, and Henry Bartling—who had journeyed to Baldwin County from Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of creating a German settlement. The Baldwin County Colonization Company was created in November, 1903, to develop this settlement in an area along Perdido Bay known as the "Elberta District." The town originally consisted of ten miles of roads and land that was divided into plots of 20- and 40 acres and sold to families moving into that area.

The first families arrived in the new settlement of Elberta in January 1904, and the area began to grow and prosper. Nearly five decades later, the Elberta Lions Club started a movement within the community to push for the incorporation of the area. The incorporation effort was successful, and one year later the first mayor and city council were elected for the newly created town of Elberta.

During its 100 years in existence, the members of this community have created a very rich and diverse history, and have worked tirelessly to provide the best benefits possible for themselves and their county. In the five decades that have passed since the incorporation of the town, the citizens and leaders of Elberta have done extensive work to put into place the resources that could be used to attract outside industry and lead to an increase in the population base.

Mr. Speaker, the residents of Elberta, Alabama, are firmly rooted in their proud past, and at the same time are keeping a careful and optimistic eye on the road ahead. The vision displayed by their community leaders during the past 100 years has led to the creation of a stable community and an anchor for all of Baldwin County, and I have no doubt that the continued inspired leadership and vision of today's residents and leaders will lead to even greater successes in the years ahead. It is my hope the Town of Elberta continues its story of success for another 100 years.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE  
LONG

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Marjorie Long, a retired teacher from Delta, Colorado who recently celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday. A lifelong teacher, Marjorie has compiled a long record of service and dedication to her fellow Coloradans. It is my privilege to recognize her service today before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Marjorie taught her students more than just English and Mathematics, instilling in them a desire to do their very best. She was a commanding presence in the classroom whose lessons were the foundation of students that went on to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, businessmen, and judges. Her students respected and admired her; several of them continue to demonstrate their respect by calling, writing and looking her up when they pass through the area. Upon retirement Marjorie took up cooking for the ranch hands that worked the family farm and became an active and distinguished member of the Retired Teachers Association.

Mr. Speaker, Marjorie Long is a dedicated public servant who has bettered her community by enriching the lives of Colorado students. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize her many years of service and hard work. Thank you for your devotion to education Marjorie, and I wish you a happy ninety-ninth birthday.

HONORING BARBARA MARTIG

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor my compassionate and caring constituent, Ms. Barbara Martig. Barb's efforts have greatly impacted the lives of senior citizens for many years, and she deserves recognition for the many contributions she has made to our community.

Throughout her life, Barb has demonstrated time and again that she is dedicated to advancing the cause of seniors. While working for the Boulder County Aging Services, she also volunteered her time to numerous committees and councils relating to the advancement of the senior agenda. Due to this unwavering devotion to her work, she was recently chosen to receive the "Women Who Light Up The Community" award. This honor, given by the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, is presented to people who volunteer their time and talents to make Boulder County a better place to live, work and play.

In addition to her work with the elderly, Barb has worked tirelessly on transportation issues. By participating in the City of Boulder's Future Search Project, she contributed to the creation of a new bus line for our community and helped in finding solutions to many public transit problems that arose.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our gratitude to Ms.

Martig for touching our community in far-reaching ways. In a time when we still face insurmountable odds regarding the welfare of our senior citizens, we must recognize that there are people such as Barb who have an innate devotion to our elderly citizens. I'm proud to offer warm congratulations to Barb on her award, honor her achievements, and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors. She stands out as a beacon of our community, who truly lights up many of our lives.

RECOGNIZING ARMY RANGER TIM  
ANTONSON

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and praise an intrepid soldier dedicated to defending his country. Tim Antonson has dutifully served as an Army Ranger in numerous war zones around the world.

Tim Antonson was born in Robinsdale, Minnesota on April 3, 1979 and graduated from Springstead High School in Spring Hill, Florida. After graduation, Tim joined the National Guard and then attended Army Ranger School. Soon, he was commissioned to serve as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Kosovo. Tim's next mission was with the 10th Mountain Division Army infantry battalion to Iskandariyah, about 30 miles south of Baghdad.

During his service in Baghdad, Tim helped rebuild hospitals, reopen schools, and secure energy facilities. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his heroism in the face of hostile enemy forces. Tim has shown invaluable bravery and admirable selflessness in his mission to protect the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, Tim Antonson represents the future of our country and should be honored for his service and dedication. It is my privilege to represent Tim Antonson of the Fifth Congressional District, and I am proud to praise him on the floor of this House.

28TH ANNUAL ASIAN-AMERICAN  
CHARITY BALL

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Asian-American Medical Association will be hosting the 28th Annual Asian-American Charity Ball on Saturday, November 13, 2004, at the Avalon Manor in Hobart, Indiana. Each year, the Asian-American Medical Association honors prominent, extraordinary citizens for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their tremendous efforts, they are honored at a banquet and awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award.

The Asian-American Medical Association is a great asset to Northwest Indiana. This organization has dedicated itself to providing quality service to the residents of Indiana's First



Congressional District in the medical community and has demonstrated exemplary service in its cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year's annual charity gala, the Asian-American Medical Association will present Mr. Feisal Istrabadi with the Crystal Globe award. Feisal is a resident of Valparaiso, Indiana. He was born in Iraq and he has spent almost 16 years as an Attorney in Valparaiso. Feisal was recently chosen as Iraq's interim ambassador to the United Nations. He was nominated in January 2004 by the President of the Iraqi Governing Council. In June 2004 he was renominated, and he was then appointed by the President of Iraq. Feisal returned to Iraq within the past two years at the request of the government, to help rebuild the country. He helped write the interim constitution that is now in place and he also helped author the interim bill of rights. I am honored to commend Feisal for his commitment and dedication to the well being of those who seek his knowledge and leadership. His efforts and hard work are worthy of the highest recognition.

Although Feisal's career consumes much of his time, Feisal has never limited the time he gives to his most important interest, his family. He and his wife, Juliet have two daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the Asian-American Medical Society and Feisal Istrabadi for their outstanding contributions. Their commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the world is truly inspirational and should be recognized and commended.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 10218—NOVEMBER 17, 2004

#### HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10218. For the past decade my district has been fortunate to be home to these veterans who served in World War II, Desert Storm and conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Bosnia and Iraq.

The service of these veterans did not end with their tour of duty. V.F.W. Post 10218 continues to serve our community in El Monte and South El Monte. Under the leadership of their commander, Mr. Michael Felix, a decorated former Army Sergeant who served in Vietnam, I expect the V.F.W. Post 10218 will continue to be a great asset to our community.

I wish to offer the V.F.W. Post 10218 my sincerest congratulations on their 10th anniversary. This country and the community are deeply indebted to them for the service they have performed both at home and abroad.

#### CONGRATULATING MR. JOHN SAINT ON RECEIPT OF THE MOBILE CIVITAN CLUB'S MOBILIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. John Saint, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mitchell Corporation in Mobile, Alabama, on the occasion of his being honored by the Mobile Civitan Club with its 56th Mobilian of the Year Award.

A native of Sand Mountain, Alabama, and a veteran of the Vietnam War, John Saint has been actively involved in the life of the Mobile community for many years. The Mitchell Company is one of the leading real estate and development companies in the southern United States, and its official work in the community is matched by its dedication to the families of Mobile and their needs. Under the guidance and inspiration of John Saint, the company has become one of the leaders in the area of charitable giving in south Alabama.

Each year, the Mitchell Company sponsors a "Giving Tree" fundraiser, in which area students contribute hand-made Christmas ornaments to decorate a tree in the company's offices. For each ornament received, the company makes a contribution to charity, and the success of this program has been tremendous. Under John Saint's leadership, the company in 2003 donated over \$18,000 to Saint Mary's Home, a facility in Mobile that provides temporary shelter and residential treatment for abused and neglected children. Additionally, Mobile County schools which participated in the "Giving Tree" program received \$20,500 in donations. All told, the "Giving Tree" program has over the years contributed a total of \$70,000 to Saint Mary's Home and \$113,500 to area public, private, and parochial schools.

Along with the "Giving Tree" program, the Mitchell Company provides free meals at Camp Smile, a summer program for adults with disabilities, and Camp Rap-A-Hope, a summer program for children battling cancer. The company also makes its corporate jet available to transport cancer patients to their chemotherapy appointments in states outside of Alabama and serves as the corporate sponsor for the Lady's Professional Golf Association.

The Civitan Club received numerous worthy nominations for men and women from throughout Mobile who in their own way also make significant contributions to their friends and neighbors on a daily basis. I am certain it is difficult to make the final selection for the Mobilian of the Year Award, but as in the past, this year's winner has shown a level of community support and charitable giving in the Mobile area which is, in my opinion, unmatched anywhere else in the state. John Saint gives as much as he does to his community, and inspires many other friends and coworkers to do likewise, simply because he says such a spirit of generosity comes naturally to him. There are hundreds of families in Mobile, Alabama, whose lives are richer because of his natural desire to support his fellow man.

Along with his many family, friends, and colleagues, both in Mobile and throughout the

State of Alabama, I wish to extend to Mr. John Saint my warmest congratulations on the receipt of the Mobile Civitan Club's Mobilian of the Year Award.

#### THE CASE OF MIKHAIL TREPASHKIN

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, there is reason to fear for the fate of rule of law in Russia. I want to present one relevant example.

Mikhail Trepashkin, an attorney and former Federal Security Service, FSB, officer was arrested on October 24, 2003, a week before he was scheduled to represent in legal proceedings the relatives of one of the victims of a terrorist attack in Moscow. Mr. Trepashkin's American client is Tatyana Morozova of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In September 1999, Ms. Morozova's mother was killed and her sister barely survived the bombing of an apartment house in Moscow. Officially, the crime was blamed on Chechen separatists, but Mr. Trepashkin was expected to present the findings of his investigation which suggested involvement of elements of the FSB in the 1999 apartment bombings in Moscow as well as an aborted attempted bombing in the city of Ryazan.

Mr. Trepashkin had been a consultant to the public commission set up by prominent human rights activist and former Duma Deputy Sergei Kovalev to investigate the 1999 bombings. The Kovalev commission asked many unpleasant questions but got precious few answers from the authorities. Meanwhile, in the course of his investigation Trepashkin discovered evidence that didn't track with the official version of the bombing incidents. This included events in Ryazan, where a bomb in an apartment basement was discovered by local police and safely detonated hours before it was due to explode. The two suspects in that case were released after presenting FSB identification documents. The whole incident was later declared a "readiness exercise" by Russian authorities.

Several months later, the co-chairman of the Kovalev Commission, Duma Deputy Sergei Yushenkov, was assassinated in front of his home. Four persons were convicted of the murder. Another member of the Commission died of food poisoning in a hospital, another was severely beaten by thugs, and two members lost their seats in the Duma. The activities of the decimated commission came to an abrupt halt.

A week before the October 24, 2003 trial opened, the police just happened to pull Trepashkin over on the highway, and just happened to find a revolver in his car. Trepashkin claims the gun was planted. Three weeks later, he was put on trial and sentenced to 4 years labor camp by a closed court for allegedly divulging state secrets to a foreign journalist.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know all the details of this case, but it looks very much like Mr. Trepashkin was prosecuted in order to prevent him from releasing potentially damaging information regarding the activities of the FSB. The

U.S. State Department has commented diplomatically: "The arrest and trial of Mikhail Trepashkin raised concerns about the undue influence of the FSB and arbitrary use of the judicial system."

Today Mr. Trepashkin is held in a Volokolamsk city jail in a 130-square foot, lice-infested cell, which he shares with six other prisoners. He suffers from asthma but reportedly has been denied health care or even medicine. These arduous conditions may be retaliation for Mr. Trepashkin's filing a complaint to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

It is difficult to believe that President Putin, given his KGB and FSB background, is unaware of the controversy surrounding the bombing investigations and the possibility that elements of the security services were involved. He must realize that corruption and personal vendettas within the FSB are dangerous commodities not only for the people of Russia, but for an entire civilized world that relies on the combined efforts of the intelligence community in the war against terrorism.

I urge President Putin to order a thorough and honest investigation of Mikhail Trepashkin's jailing and full cooperation with the Kovalev Commission. While the jury is still out on the 1999 bombings, persecution of those who want to find out the truth does not add to Mr. Putin's credibility among those in the West who so far have been willing to give him the benefit of the doubt.

#### HONORING ANNIE COX'S DEDICATION TO CANNON COUNTY'S CHILDREN

##### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Annie Cox for her remarkable career as an educator. Mrs. Cox has been teaching Middle Tennessee's children for an astounding 56 years. Generations of families have had the privilege of being her students.

Mrs. Cox began her extraordinary teaching career by spending a year in the Nashville Public School System. She then took a position with Cannon County Schools, where she has remained for the past 55 years. She has been honored nine times as a local Teacher of the Year. Middle Tennessee State University has inducted her into its Tennessee Teacher Hall of Fame. And three different governors have recognized her outstanding service.

While earning these accolades, Mrs. Cox has found time to coach girls' basketball for the past three decades. Her players have learned more than just on-the-court skills; they have learned character traits that last a lifetime.

The students and teachers of West Side School in Readyville, Tennessee, will honor their beloved Mrs. Cox on Sunday, November 21, with the dedication of the "Dr." Annie Cox Pavilion. The pavilion, which was funded entirely by generous donations, will serve as a gathering point for future generations of Cannon County residents.

Annie Cox's devotion to her students can inspire us all. I commend her for her unselfish service and wish her all the best in the future.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO PALISADE LIONS CLUB STILT WALKERS

##### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Palisade Lions Club stilt walkers who have walked in parades all over the country, to bring attention to the Colorado peach industry and the benevolent goals of the Colorado Lions Club. Their efforts continue to distinguish the heritage of Palisade, Colorado and a statue to commemorate the walkers was recently dedicated to the town on its centennial anniversary. It is my privilege in recognizing their accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation.

The original five stilt walkers included Gene Taylor, Ray Denison, Bob Ames, and Hampton and Lyndon Granat. The stilts were functionally used to prune the higher sections of fruit trees, but after their first appearance in a parade in 1955 they became the symbol of the Lions Club International and the Colorado peach industry. Together the stilt walkers and their wives made their own costumes and traveled to parades in Chicago, New York City, and numerous local Colorado events, grabbing the attention of newspapers all across the country.

Mr. Speaker, the original stilt walkers of the Palisade Lions Club have since passed away, but their memory lives on in the community and the peach industry as the town of Palisade celebrates its centennial this year. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize their unique heritage.

#### HONORING JO ANN SORENSEN

##### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor Jo Ann Sorensen for her exemplary public service as Clear Creek County Commissioner for almost eight years. I would also like to thank her on behalf of all Coloradans for the in-depth and diverse philanthropic work that she has contributed to the community. She has ensured that our great state remains a very special place to live and has innately displayed the qualities of a dedicated public servant.

Throughout her life, Jo Ann has demonstrated time and time again that she excels in all of her endeavors. She has served on almost every possible steering committee to represent not only Clear Creek County's interests, but also those of the I-70 corridor communities. It has been through this committee work that Jo Ann has achieved her numerous successes. Putting local and regional issues at the forefront of her agenda, she has systematically made it her cause to learn and understand the problems that plague our community. Through the wealth of knowledge that she has acquired, she has been able to help address these issues with her fellow County Commissioners, allowing her to volunteer her time for various other projects. Recently, Jo

Ann was selected to receive the prestigious Colorado Counties, Inc., CCI, Commissioner of the Year Award. This award is a true testament to Jo Ann's long and distinguished list of achievements.

Jo Ann's work spans many areas. Aside from serving as Vice Chairman of the CCI Mountain District, she has spearheaded many reforms to better the lives of Colorado citizens. Working with her colleague Clear Creek County Commissioners, Jo Ann has greatly contributed to many transportation initiatives for the I-70 Corridor Counties, while at the same time helping to revamp the Emergency Services in her area by pushing for the Reverse 911 Programs. It is this type of multi-faceted focus that has allowed Jo Ann to direct her energies into numerous projects and reforms.

But if one was to look at her many accomplishments, they would notice that her strengths reside squarely in her efforts to maintain the environment. Not only has Jo Ann testified at the Colorado Water Conservation Board on watershed development impacts, she has led the fight to protect the Beaver Brook Watershed property and participated in the establishment of the James Peak Wilderness. Her emphasis on preservation has allowed all Coloradans to enjoy the ridgeline beauty and pristine lakes that Colorado has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our gratitude to Jo Ann Sorensen for her many years of public service and her contributions to the people of Colorado. I have only touched on a small fraction of Jo Ann's work, and I believe that she has displayed numerous times why she is deserving of our recognition. Although she is leaving her post as a county commissioner, I am sure, given her energy, dedication and passion for maintaining and improving the quality of life for all Coloradans that she will remain active in community issues. I wish her and her family good health and happiness for many years to come.

#### HONORING TECHNICIAN 5TH CLASS JUSTICE LAWSON

##### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Technician 5th Class Justice Lawson of the United States Army, a World War II veteran from Florida. His sister lives in Zephyrhills, Florida.

It is my pleasure to recognize Mr. Lawson for his heroism and bravery as a United States soldier who fought in the Second World War. He served in the 3rd Tank Battalion of the 10th Armored Division.

I presented Justice Lawson's sister with the Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration in the world.

In the Second World War an astounding 292,000 soldiers never came home. Their loss leaves a void in the hearts of families and in the soul of a generation. The heroism and dedication of these young men is what has made our military the greatest fighting force in the world. The courage they displayed during their service in World War II is exemplary of the American spirit. Their bravery will not be

forgotten as Americans and freedom loving people all over the world remain indebted to their service.

Though he earned this honor, Justice never received it from the Defense Department and I am pleased to have the opportunity to present to his family the Purple Heart for his selfless devotion to duty and service to the United States.

COMMENDING RICHARD MALIS,  
DAVID WHITE, AND TONI'S  
DANCE ACADEMY

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend a few dedicated individuals who have made significant contributions to Northwest Indiana. Richard Malis, David White, and Toni's Dance Academy, will be recognized by the Greater Portage Chamber of Commerce at the Annual Fall Dinner/Dance and Recognition Ceremony awards, on Saturday, November 20, 2004.

These loyal and dedicated individuals will share this prestigious honor. Each one of these individuals has played a key role in enriching the quality of life in Northwest Indiana. These individuals are being honored for their tireless efforts and dedication to the Portage community.

Richard Malis will be honored with the Humanitarian of the Year Award. Richard actively promotes and provides humanitarian services to the Portage community without regard to monetary gain. His outstanding service and donation of time represents the epitome of what a dedicated public servant should be.

David White will be honored with the Outstanding Public Citizen Award. David is recognized for his commitment to the Portage community. He is a well respected individual who volunteers his time and abilities to improve the quality of life for the residents in Portage. David has given his time and efforts selflessly to his community to enhance the image of Portage.

Further, Toni's Dance Academy will be recognized with the Putting Portage on the Map Award. This award recognizes those individuals, teams, or organizations whose achievements bring state or national recognition to the Portage community. Toni's Dance Academy has achieved success in inspiring and enabling individuals to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these individuals for their outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. Their commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana is truly inspirational and should be recognized and commended.

RECOGNIZING UNIVISIÓN'S SALUD  
ES VIDA...¡ENTÉRATE! CAMPAIGN

### HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and applaud the efforts of Univisión Communications Inc. for their successful health initiative campaign, "Salud es Vida...¡Entérate!" As the leading Spanish-language media company in the United States, Univisión's health education initiative was launched on November 19, 2003, to raise awareness, increase knowledge and encourage positive decision-making concerning health care issues in the Latino community.

The groundbreaking health initiative has successfully promoted wellness among U.S. Latinos through news programs, public service announcements, literature and an on-line campaign. The Entérate! campaign has featured nationally recognized Latino celebrities and medical experts who educate Univisión's audience on health issues and promote habits of healthy living, access to care and disease-specific prevention and treatment.

The interactive website, Univisión.com, provides information on nutrition, exercise, stress, and alcohol use, empowering users to take control of their health. These programs have proven to be a critical health resource in helping Latinos break health access barriers and change attitudes for healthy living.

Univisión's Entérate! campaign has reached millions of Latinos, improving overall knowledge and understanding of diseases such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, asthma, and HIV/AIDS which disproportionately impact Latino communities. I am particularly impressed with the campaign's inclusion of dental health—an issue that is too often overlooked in our community, where more than 40 percent of Latino children have untreated dental decay.

Univisión's health initiative is testament to the genuine dedication of the company to improving the well-being of its audience. I applaud the efforts of Univisión and look forward to the continued success of "Salud es Vida...¡Entérate!"

BRING PAUL KLEBNIKOV'S  
KILLERS TO JUSTICE

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I want to call the attention of my colleagues to the death of journalist Paul Klebnikov, who was murdered on July 9 of this year outside his Moscow office. An American citizen of Russian lineage, Mr. Klebnikov was editor of the Russian edition of Forbes magazine. According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, he was the 11th journalist killed in Russia in a contract-style murder in the past four and a half years.

Mr. Klebnikov had achieved prominence as a result of his investigative journalism which often focused on the connections between business, politics and crime in Russia. Mr.

Klebnikov's investigations resulted in his writing two books, both devoted to exposing corruption within Russia's business and political sectors. Clearly, he made powerful enemies. There has been speculation that his murder was connected to a Forbes article that focused on Moscow's 100 wealthiest people. Someone, goes the theory, did not care for the publicity. Another suggestion is that Mr. Klebnikov's book *Conversation with a Barbarian: Interview with a Chechen Field Commander on Banditry and Islam* may have sparked a motive for the murder.

It was Mr. Klebnikov's love of Russia and his belief that reforms were advancing the nation toward a greater transparency in business and politics that motivated him to launch the Russian edition of Forbes magazine in April 2004. Mr. Klebnikov was committed to exposing and confronting corruption in the hope that such work would contribute to a brighter future for the people of Russia. He believed that accountability was an essential element to achieve lasting reforms.

Unfortunately, this hope for a better future in Russia has been dealt a serious blow by the murder of Paul Klebnikov. As I and ten other Members of the Helsinki Commission wrote to President Putin on October 5th of this year, much more is at stake than determining who killed Paul Klebnikov. The fear and self-censorship arising from the murders of journalists in Russia only serves to add to the corruption of government officials and businessmen. A cowed press cannot be the effective instrument for building the free and prosperous society that Mr. Putin purports to seek.

Mr. Speaker, according to the Russian news agency ITAR-TASS, on the occasion of "Militia Day," November 10, President Vladimir Putin told police officials that protecting the economy from crime and fighting corruption is a priority task in Russia. I would urge Mr. Putin to back up these words with action. Russian authorities should investigate to the fullest extent possible the murder of Mr. Klebnikov, no matter where the trail leads.

Only through rule of law and accountability can Russia achieve the safe, free and comfortable future that Mr. Klebnikov believed was possible.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KRIS  
GARDNER

### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Kris Gardner, a skillful business manager and dedicated member of her Glenwood Springs, Colorado community. Kris has devoted over thirty years to Alpine Bank and I am proud to stand here with my colleagues before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize her many years of service.

The first female bank president of Alpine Bank, Kris' talent and dedication has made much of Alpine Bank's success possible through the years. Over the course of her career she has been named Businesswoman of the Year and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Glenwood Springs Chamber of Commerce from 1980 through 1983. She has served on the Glenwood Springs

Chamber of Commerce, is the past director of the Colorado Bankers Association, and is an appointee of Colorado Governor Bill Owens as a member of the Fire and Police Pension Association. Kris is a strong role model for her peers and colleagues, leading by example in her community.

Mr. Speaker, Kris Gardner has persistently worked to better her community through service and hard work for over 30 years with Alpine Bank. I am honored to recognize her contributions to the town of Glenwood Springs before this body of Congress and this nation. Thanks for all your hard work, Kris, and I wish you and your family all the best in your future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the town of Minturn, Colorado.

Minturn is a small town on the Western Slope of Colorado, with a population of a little over 1,000. Despite its size, Minturn holds an important place within Colorado's history. It began in 1887 as a railroad crew-changing station and was named in honor of Robert B. Minturn, who helped secure funds to build the Denver & Rio Grande westward down the Eagle and Colorado Rivers. The town quickly grew as more people began to make Colorado their home. Some established homesteads to farm in this area at the confluence of Gore Creek and the Eagle River, while others sought riches mining for silver in the mountains high above the town site.

On November 15, 1904, the first Town Council met and Minturn officially became an incorporated part of Colorado. This date became synonymous with the town's birth and was therefore marked as a day of celebration. In the years to come, Minturn became especially indicative of the Colorado experience.

After its vital infrastructures were in place, Minturn attracted people from all walks of life. Historic hotels that still exist today were erected to accommodate the influx of travelers passing through Colorado. And even the military became interested in Minturn, constructing a temporary training camp there for the 10th Mountain Division in 1942—a division that helped train soldiers to fight in high alpine conditions.

As the years passed, Minturn became a favorite stop amongst snow sports enthusiasts, due to its close location to some of Colorado's largest ski resorts, Vail and Beaver Creek. Recently, the town's beauty was on display in movies such as Walt Disney's "Tall Tales", and during the Winter Olympics of 2002, when the Olympic torch passed through the town en route to Salt Lake City, Utah.

I also have great pride in stating that one of my district offices is located in Minturn. Because of this connection—as well as the town's respect for its western rural roots—I have developed an affinity with this town and appreciate the friendliness and communal spir-

it of its residents. This community has welcomed me to their town in a manner that greatly reflects the essence of Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in commemorating the historic 100th anniversary of Minturn, Colorado. I believe that by honoring Minturn and all the other historic small towns of this vast Nation, we keep the great tradition of the American spirit alive for future generations. We must not forget about the many places that molded this nation into what it is today. Centennial celebrations are few and far between, and Minturn's is deserving of our recognition.

HONORING BENNY STRICKLAND FOR HIS SERVICE AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF SUMTER COUNTY

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Benny Strickland for his service as a County Commissioner of Sumter County in the Fifth Congressional District of Florida.

On behalf of the residents of Sumter County, I applaud Mr. Strickland for his years of dedication as a public servant. Since 1994, he has worked tirelessly to provide the residents of Sumter County with excellent leadership and vision. His presence on the board will be dearly missed. Benny's devotion to the residents of Sumter County is a testament to the virtue and selflessness that a public official should aspire to attain.

Sumter County is truly saddened by Mr. Strickland's departure; nevertheless, we are immensely grateful for all his years of commitment and hard work. I wish Mr. Strickland the best in the future and hope he enjoys the pleasures of retirement.

THE CALUMET COMMUNITY HERO AWARD

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend five dedicated individuals who have made significant contributions to Northwest Indiana. These loyal and dedicated individuals, Rosa Vega, Valeta Brannon, John Bakota, Daniel Lowery, and Leonard Tomaszewski, will be honored for their dedication to justice and to the people of Northwest Indiana by the Calumet Project at an awards luncheon at the Social Hall of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Hammond, Indiana on Friday, November 19, 2004.

The Calumet Community Hero Award is being presented to three individuals for their tireless efforts in promoting justice in Northwest Indiana. This year's first honoree is Rosa Vega, a graduate of Gary West Side High School. She has been a member of the executive board of SEIU Local 73 Division 208 since 1979 and has been employed by the Gary School Corporation since 1971. Rosa is

also very active in the Cub Scouts and is a past recipient of the George Meany Scouting Award.

Also receiving a Calumet Community Hero Award is the youngest of this year's award recipients, Valeta Brannon. Valeta is a 1999 graduate of Bishop Noll Institute, where she organized the Black History Club, and a 2004 graduate of Purdue University Calumet, where she earned her B.A. in Psychology. She is employed by the Family & Youth Services Bureau as a Residential Counselor and with Porter-Starke Children Services as a Behavioral Specialist. Her future plans include pursuing an MSW and continuing to fight for social justice for the people of Northwest Indiana.

The third Calumet Community Hero Award is being presented to John Bakota. John is a graduate of East Chicago Roosevelt High School and is a veteran of the United States Army. John spent 38 years as a millwright at LTV Steel, and he has always been extremely active in promoting the enrichment of his community. John is a compassionate activist with the Coalition for a Clean Environment, and he is being honored for his ongoing quest to see to it that justice prevails.

This year's Unity Award is being presented to Daniel Lowery, Ph.D. Dr. Lowery is a graduate of Valparaiso University, holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Indiana University Northwest, and received a Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2001. He is currently Executive Director of the Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council and has received numerous awards for his outstanding performance throughout his career.

The final award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, is being presented to Leonard Tomaszewski for his outstanding service to the Northwest Indiana Community. Leonard is a graduate of Emerson High School and a veteran of the Korean War. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Leonard was employed by U.S. Steel and Gary Works Sheet and Tin for over 46 years. Since his retirement, Leonard has been an active member of the Steelworkers Organization Active Retirees (SOAR). He has led the fight on behalf of retirees for healthcare, prescription drugs, social security, and other issues of concern to retirees. Leonard's lifetime of service continues as he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Indiana Community Action Corporation, whose mission is to change lives and build communities. For his lifetime of commitment to fairness and justice, Leonard Tomaszewski is being commended with this prestigious award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending these individuals for their outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. Their commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana is truly inspirational and should be recognized and commended.

TRIBUTE TO MS. TAMMY CARNRIKE

**HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the appointment of Ms. Tammy

Carnrike as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE). Ms. Carnrike is a leader at the local and State level whose commitment to economic development and job creation has been a vital asset to the State of New York.

For the last eighteen years, she has been a member of the Chenango County Chamber of Commerce, and its President for the previous eight. During her tenure, Ms. Carnrike has been instrumental in improving the quality of life and promoting further economic growth. This appointment is a well-deserved honor for her achievements within Chenango County and across New York State.

I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Carnrike for the last eight years. Together we have been able to secure over \$12 million in Federal funds for improvements to New York State Route 12—improving access between the cities of Utica and Binghamton, and all points in between. These improvements will greatly benefit the employers located along the Route 12 corridor, stimulating further economic and business growth.

Ms. Carnrike has demonstrated the qualities that the ACCE was founded upon in 1914 in her dedication, excellent leadership and managerial expertise. I also congratulate her for becoming only the third woman to hold this organization's highest office in its 90-year history. She will no doubt continue the fine work begun by her predecessor Carroll Gray of the Charlotte, NC Chamber of Commerce.

I wish her the best of luck and look forward to continuing a positive working relationship to increase opportunities and strengthen the Chenango County economy.

HONORING REVEREND WROTEN  
MCQUIRTER, SR.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a distinguished religious educator with over 50 years of dedicated service to the Clinton, Jackson, Bolton, and Terry communities in the State of Mississippi, the Reverend Wroten McQuirter, Sr.

Rev. Wroten McQuirter, Sr., is known throughout the State as more than just a pastor, but as a social activist, counselor, supporter, leader, and most importantly as a friend. In 1970, he began his religious training at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi, and in 1973, Reverend McQuirter received his bachelor of theology degree from Natchez College.

Throughout Reverend McQuirter's pastoral tenure from 1957 to 2004, he has served in various positions including the dean and moderator of the Original J.M.B. District Association; president of the Hinds County Council for Church and Social Action; president of the Clinton Ministerial Workers Council, dean of the Congress of Christian Education; board member of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., president of the Terry Ministerial Fellowship, and member of the Moderator Department of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

In addition to his pastoral duties and responsibilities, Reverend McQuirter has been a

great asset to the communities in Mississippi. He has served as an active leader and organizer for Hinds County Communities in the fight for equality. He has been an activist with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, for more than four decades. He led the movement for desegregation in the Clinton Public School District in 1968, whereby his two younger children were among the first six black students to enroll in Clinton Park Elementary School.

Although retired, he is not retired. Reverend McQuirter, who recently celebrated his 82nd birthday on October 23, remains actively involved in Christian education ministering to the needs of others. He teaches bible class at the Clinton Community Christian Corporation as well as bible study at Pleasant Green Church. He also teaches several courses in church leadership schools offered by various churches.

Please join me in congratulating Rev. Wroten McQuirter, Sr., on 50 years of distinguished service. It is in achievement that brings pride not only to his local community, but to the whole State of Mississippi and the Nation.

RECOGNIZING INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER STEPHANIE A. STORCH

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent, Intelligence Specialist Senior Chief Petty Officer Stephanie A. Storch. Senior Chief Storch is retiring after twenty-one years of dedicated service to the nation.

Senior Chief Storch began her career in 1983 as a Mess Specialist. During her initial assignment to Naval Radio Receiving Facility (NRRF) Kami Seya, Japan, her professionalism was first recognized when she was selected a 1985 Junior Sailor of the Quarter. In 1986 she joined the Intelligence field and reported to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron THREE (VQ-3), Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii.

Senior Chief Storch served throughout the Pacific Theater and the Middle East in a career that focused on Intelligence training and Naval Special Warfare operations. Her leadership and academic accolades are numerous from her 1993 Navy League Woman of the Year selection to the distinction of graduating in the top 1 percent of her Berlitz Language School Arabic class. Senior Chief Storch's Special Operations and Training expertise merged in March 2000, when she was assigned to Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command as the Force Intelligence Specialist for Naval Special Warfare.

Senior Chief Storch culminates her service at the Joint Intelligence Training Activity Pacific (JITAP) where she is the Asymmetric Warfare Branch Head and Senior Enlisted Advisor. She is an Intelligence professional and leader who always put the welfare of her sailors first. Senior Chief Storch's performance reflects greatly on herself, the United States Navy, and our country. I extend my deepest appreciation to Intelligence Specialist Senior

Chief Petty Officer Stephanie A. Storch for her 21 years of dedicated military service and wish her and her family all the best in the years to follow. I am glad to hear that upon retirement, Senior Chief Storch and her family, CWO3 Ernest J. Storch, USN and two sons, Adam and Daniel will continue to make San Diego County their home.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KRISTI  
KNOWLES

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to a tremendous public servant from my hometown of Grand Junction, Colorado. Kristi Knowles was recently nominated as Grand Junction, Colorado's "Officer of the Year"; it is my honor to call her heroic service to the attention of this body of Congress and this Nation.

Kristi began her service to the City of Grand Junction in July of 1999, signing on as a telecommunicator with the Regional Communication Center. She rose quickly through the ranks eventually earning a position as a sworn police officer in the Grand Junction Police Department's Patrol Section. Since assuming this role, Kristi has continually exhibited a unique commitment to the job and people she is sworn to protect and defend.

Overtime, Kristi has distinguished herself in cases involving domestic violence. Kristi always goes above and beyond the call of duty by comforting victims of domestic violence and ensuring they have access to community resources. Kristi even went so far as to reach out to the staff at the Latimer House to ensure that she was doing everything she could to help the victim.

Community policing is truly a community effort, and Kristi Knowles has certainly done her part. She is a shining example to officers throughout the nation of the passion and concern, which is so vital to accomplishing the mission given to our law enforcement officials each day. It is my honor to congratulate Kristi before my colleagues in the Congress. Her recognition is well-deserved, and I wish her nothing but the best as she continues to serve the Grand Junction community. Thank you for your service, Kristi!

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES S.  
"CHARLEY" SHIMANSKI

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles "Charley" Shimanski, an accomplished mountain climber who served as Executive Director of the American Alpine Club from 1993 until his retirement in October of this year.

Charley grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1981 with a degree in Economics. He worked in the financial services sector for 12 years both in Europe and in Denver, including at Oppenheimer Funds, United Bank

and Darlington Asset Management of Geneva, Switzerland. But a big part of his heart was always in the mountains.

Charley's love of climbing has taken him throughout Colorado's mountainous landscape, especially the backcountry peaks in Rocky Mountain National Park. He also climbed in the Swiss Alps and the Cascades along the Pacific Northwest.

Raised with a belief that volunteer service is the price one pays for living on this planet, it did not take long before his love of the mountains and his passion to serve the community combined into an almost 20-year commitment to the mountain rescue community.

In 1985, Charley joined the Alpine Rescue Team, a volunteer mountain rescue group that provides rescue services in portions of the Front Range and Summit County, including 4 of Colorado's Fourteeners (peaks with elevations over 14,000 feet, for those unfamiliar with the term). Within 4 years he was president of Alpine Rescue Team, and over the years he has served as the team's mission leader, public information officer and helicopter specialist.

In 1997, Charley was honored by the Colorado Search and Rescue Board with the Hunter Holloway Spirit Award for his work developing Colorado's "Avalanche Awareness Week." Avalanches are a serious issue in Colorado and other mountainous western states. Sadly, lives are lost every year to avalanches and western states frequently encounter road closures due to avalanches, which affects local economies and tourism. As a result, Charley's contributions here are very significant and worthy of such recognition.

Eventually Charley's focus expanded from the Alpine Rescue Team and Colorado search and rescue activities to the national Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) and international rescue consulting. He has served as chair of the MRA's Rocky Mountain Region and continues to serve as chair of the organization's Education Committee. Charley is the author of several national MRA manuals, including "Accidents in Mountain Rescue Operations," "Search and Rescue for Outdoor Leaders," "Helicopters in Search and Rescue Operations," and "Avalanche Rescue Operations." He is a frequent lecturer at meetings of the Wilderness Medical Society, the Mountain Rescue Association and the International Technical Rescue Symposium, and has consulted with government agencies and rescue groups throughout the world.

Despite these awards and accomplishments, Charley's most personally rewarding search and rescue mission was the 1990 rescue of a lost hiker in which he served as incident commander. The hiker was found after 12 hours, but, more importantly, the "reporting party" was a woman who later became Charley's wife. It was the only instance anyone in the mountain rescue community can recall in which a person who reported a search eventually married one of the rescuers.

In May 1993, Charley left the corporate world to work full time on climbing and mountaineering issues as the executive director of the American Alpine Club (AAC), a national association of climbers and mountaineers dedicated to promoting climbing knowledge, conserving mountain environments and representing the American climbing community. At that time, the AAC had a membership base of 1,700 members, annual operating revenue of \$300,000 and net assets of \$2.8 million.

Charley often remarked that the AAC's greatest asset was its potential. Over his 11-year tenure as executive director, he spurred the Club into action on a number of fronts. The AAC, in partnership with the Colorado Mountain Club, bought and renovated the historic (and then vacant) Junior High School building in Golden, Colorado at the foot of the Front Range, turning it from a public eyesore into the American Mountaineering Center, a facility housing several regional and national climbing organizations and hosting climbing-related conferences and events. He oversaw a transformation in the Club's library from an obscure collection of unorganized mountaineering books into arguably the finest mountaineering library in the world, fully cataloged and electronically searchable by any Internet user in the world. He expanded the AAC's advocacy efforts on behalf of climbers so that the Club was a leading voice on such issues as mountain rescue, climbing ethics, conservation of alpine regions, and management of climbing destinations both domestically and abroad. Charley was an enthusiastic advocate of the AAC Press, the Club's publishing arm, which documented world climbing and published award winning historical guidebooks to several climbing disciplines.

In October, Charley resigned from the AAC and accepted a position as Executive Director of the Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations. When he left the AAC, it had grown to 7,500 members, an annual operating budget of \$1.3 million and net assets of \$7 million—an almost four-fold increase in most categories. The organization's staff grew in both size and professional capability during his tenure. Though his leadership will be missed by American climbers, he looks forward to new challenges rallying the Colorado nonprofit community to similar gains.

**HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
HARLOW E. KENDING FOR HIS  
SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II**

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Private First Class Harlow E. Kending for his valiant deeds during military service in World War II.

As a member of the Headquarters Battery, 448th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, Mr. Kending fought against the scourge of Nazism that threatened to overtake the globe. On November 23, 1944, while in Morhange, France, Mr. Kending's battery was attacked by enemy artillery. During this attack, an ammunition truck was struck and a fire ensued. Disregarding the impending dangers, Private Kending heroically took command of the situation, jumped into the nearest fuel truck, and drove it to a safer location. As the salvos rained down, Private Kending remained undaunted in evacuating the remaining vehicles and labored in the thick of battle until the fire was contained.

For his heroic actions, Mr. Kending was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. It is my pleasure to present to him these medals after nearly sixty years of waiting.

The heroism and dedication of Private First Class Harlow E. Kending is what makes our

military the greatest fighting force in the world. The courage he displayed during his service in World War II is exemplary of the American spirit. Mr. Kending's bravery will not be forgotten as Americans and freedom loving people all over the world remain forever indebted to his service.

**H.R. 4518, THE SATELLITE HOME  
VIEWER EXTENSION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004**

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following Remarks for the Record. We have before us H.R. 4518, the "Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004" (SHVERA). H.R. 4518 reauthorizes certain expiring communications and copyright act provisions that govern the retransmission of broadcast television signals by direct broadcast satellite (DBS) providers such as DirecTV and EchoStar. It also modernizes other provisions to enhance consumer choice, increase parity between satellite and cable operators, and further promote competition. Because the bill implicates both communications and copyright issues, the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Judiciary Committee have worked closely in drafting the legislation.

Indeed, pursuant to a compromise between the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, H.R. 4518 has now been amended to combine its copyright provisions with the Communications Act provisions of H.R. 4501. H.R. 4501 resulted from an extensive examination of satellite television issues in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held an oversight hearing on March 10, 2004, and a legislative hearing on April 1, 2004. The Subcommittee then marked up legislation on April 28, 2004, and the full Committee marked up legislation on June 3, 2004. That legislation became H.R. 4501. The Committee filed a report on H.R. 4501 (H. Rept. 108-634) on July 22, 2004.

What follows is a section-by-section analysis of some of the Communications provisions in Title II of H.R. 4518, as amended, that have changed from the provisions that originated in H.R. 4501. Mr. BARTON, Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, has also addressed some of the changes.

**SECTION 202. CABLE/SATELLITE COMPARABILITY**

Section 340(f) creates a mechanism to enforce the new provisions regarding satellite delivery of significantly viewed signals. Under section 340(f)(1), the FCC may issue a cease and desist order if it finds in response to a complaint that satellite operators are carrying broadcast signals in violation of Section 340. If a broadcast station seeks damages, section 340(f)(1)(A) authorizes the FCC to award the station up to \$50 per subscriber illegally served, per station illegally carried, per day of the violation if the FCC finds that the satellite operator did not have a good-faith belief that provision of the signal was lawful. Conversely, if a broadcaster seeks damages and the FCC finds that the broadcaster's claims were made



in bad faith, section 340(f)(1)(B) allows the FCC to award the satellite operator up to \$50 per subscriber, per station, per day that the broadcaster alleged the satellite operator was serving in violation of Section 340. If the broadcaster does not seek damages, however, the FCC may not grant damages to either the broadcaster or the satellite operator. Section 340(f)(2) gives the FCC 180 days from the submission of a complaint to render a decision. If the pleadings indicate that material facts underlying the case are subject to genuine dispute, the FCC may—but is not required—to hear witnesses. Section 340(f)(3) makes clear that an FCC proceeding under Section 340 is available in addition to any remedies that may be available under the Copyright Act. For example, a broadcaster who also holds copyrights in the programming it carries might bring a claim before the FCC if it believes a satellite operator has carried a signal in a way that violates the Communications Act conditions for providing significantly viewed signals, as well as a suit in court if it believes that the same carriage also violates the terms under which a compulsory license is available under the Copyright Act. Section 340(f)(4) makes clear that any action or inaction by the FCC in response to a section 340 complaint shall have no bearing on a copyright suit, and that filing a section 340 complaint with the FCC is not a prerequisite for filing a suit in court alleging that carriage of a purportedly significantly viewed signal has violated a copyright.

Section 340(g) requires satellite operators to give local broadcasters 60 days notice before retransmitting into a market the signal of distant stations that are significantly viewed over the air in the local market, and to list on their web sites the significantly viewed signals they carry. This provision is intended to help make consumers aware of what signals the satellite operators are offering. It is also intended to help local broadcasters monitor satellite compliance with the conditions SHVERA creates for the provision of significantly viewed signals.

Section 340(h)(1) gives the FCC until April 30, 2005, to revise its rules so that a network station may elect “carry-one, carry-all status” from a satellite operator on a community-by-community basis within a local market. Under current law, when a satellite operator offers local-into-local service in a market, the local broadcasters may choose between carry-one, carry-all status and retransmission consent. If the local broadcaster elects carry-one, carry-all status, the satellite operator must carry the station, but the station is not entitled to compensation. If the station chooses retransmission consent, the broadcaster can try to negotiate for compensation, but runs the risk of not getting carried at all.

Because cable systems are subject to local franchising, each community within a local market generally has a separate cable system. If a cable system is carrying a significantly viewed signal in a community, a local broadcaster of the same network can elect must-carry for that system, but still negotiate retransmission consent for cable systems elsewhere in the local market where no significantly viewed signal for the same network is being carried.

Because satellite operators have a nationwide—rather than local-franchise-based—service area, however, local broadcasters ordi-

narily must choose between carry-one, carry-all status and retransmission consent as an all-or-nothing proposition throughout the entire local market. To accommodate the new significantly viewed authority for satellite operators and to recreate, as best as possible, a similar bargaining framework for local broadcasters as exists with cable systems, section 340(h)(1) allows a local broadcaster to elect carry-one, carry-all status in communities with a significantly viewed signal from the same network, while continuing to negotiate retransmission consent in other communities in the market.

To ease the administrative burden on the satellite operator, section 340(h)(2) specifies that the community-by-community elections within a local market shall take place in a unified negotiation between each satellite operator and broadcaster. There is no particular time limit on the negotiation. Nor must it take place in one sitting. The broadcaster shall, however, “lay all its elections on the table at once” so that the satellite operator can see the entire picture in anticipation of any retransmission consent negotiations that may be necessary in the communities where the broadcaster does not elect “carry one, carry all.”

To facilitate the community-by-community election process, section 340(h)(3)(A) gives the FCC until April 30, 2005, to revise its rules to require satellite operators to notify broadcasters in advance of any communities in which they intend to carry significantly viewed signals. The satellite operators are permitted to carry significantly viewed signals only in communities for which the satellite operators provide such notice. Section 340(h)(3)(B) recognizes that a satellite carrier could begin importing a “significantly viewed” signal after the expiration of a long-term retransmission consent contract but before the next three-year election cycle would allow the television station to choose between retransmission consent and carry one, carry all on a community-by-community basis. Consequently, section 340(h)(3)(B) allows a broadcaster to choose between retransmission consent and carry one, carry all on a community-by-community basis for any portion of the three-year cycle not covered by an existing retransmission consent agreement.

One way the FCC might implement section 340(h)(3) for a station that entered into a retransmission consent agreement before the effective date of the Act, and that expires before the end of 2005, would be to require the satellite operator to send the station, by certified mail, at least 60 days before the agreement expires, the required notification for any period between the date of expiration of that agreement and December 31, 2005. If the satellite carrier gives that notice, the station could then, within 30 days of receipt, choose retransmission consent or mandatory carriage for those communities covered by the notification for the period between the date of expiration of the agreement and the end of 2005. For existing retransmission contracts that expire later but between election periods under 47 C.F.R. 76.66, the FCC could require the satellite carrier to provide the station by certified mail, at least 60 days before the election date under section 76.66 that immediately precedes the expiration date of the contract, the required notification for any period between the date of expiration of the agreement and the end of the next three-year election cycle under section 76.66. If the satellite carrier

gives that notice, the station could then, on the same schedule provided under section 76.66, elect retransmission consent or mandatory carriage for those communities covered by the satellite carrier’s notification for the period between the date of expiration of the agreement and the date of expiration of the next three-year election cycle. Retransmission consent contracts entered into after the effective date of the Act will not be affected by this harmonization provision, because negotiators will be able to take into account the possible importation of significantly-viewed stations in the future.

#### SECTION 203. CARRIAGE OF LOCAL STATIONS ON A SINGLE DISH

Section 203(b)(1) of the bill amends sections 338(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. 338(a)(1)–(2)) to make clear that the FCC may enforce satellite operators’ carry-one, carry-all obligations. The Communications Act currently grants the FCC authority to enforce cable operator’s must-carry obligations to carry all local broadcast stations upon request. There apparently is some ambiguity regarding the FCC’s authority to enforce satellite operators’ analogous carry-one, carry-all obligations. Section 203(b)(1) of the bill is intended to remove any doubt that a carrier can seek enforcement from the FCC under the Communications Act, in addition to any remedies it may have in court under the Copyright Act.

Section 203(b)(1) of the bill also adds section 338(a)(3) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 338(a)(3)) to clarify that satellite carriage of low-power television stations is permissive, not mandatory. Section 104 of the bill grants satellite operators a compulsory copyright license to carry low-power stations. Section 338(a)(3) of the Act, as amended, makes clear that carriage of such stations does not fall within the carry-one, carry-all requirements of Section 338.

Sections 203(b)(2) and (b)(3) of the bill make conforming changes to the Act to implement section 203(b)(1) of the bill, and to define “low power television station” for purposes of that section.

#### SECTION 204. REPLACEMENT OF DISTANT SIGNALS WITH LOCAL SIGNALS

Section 204 of the bill amends section 339 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 339) to require a satellite operator to stop providing distant signals of a network to certain subscribers in a market once the operator begins providing local signals of that network in that market, absent a waiver from the affected network station. It does, however, permit certain subscribers to continue receiving distant signals, and allows future distant signal subscribers in non-local-into-local markets to continue receiving such signals under certain circumstances. Section 204 does not apply to carriage of distant signals from non-network stations.

New section 339(a)(2)(A) requires certain grandfathered subscribers to choose between receiving a distant and a local signal of a network. Under SHVIA, some households that can receive a “Grade B” intensity over-the-air signal from a local network affiliate but not a “Grade A” signal qualify as “unserved” by that network because of a grandfathering provision in the Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. § 119(e)). These grandfathered customers are sometimes referred to as “Grade B doughnut” households. The grandfathered status of these

subscribers is set to expire at the end of this year. Under section 339(a)(2)(A), once a satellite operator makes the local signal of a network available under section 338 to customers receiving the distant signal under the Grade B doughnut provisions, the customers must choose between the local signal and the distant signal. They may continue to receive the distant signal if they elect to do so, but the subscribers may not receive both the distant and local signals of the network. Customers who were eligible for distant signals under the Grade B doughnut provisions but were not receiving such signals under those provisions on October 1, 2004, will no longer be eligible for such grandfathering. Thus, the universe of grandfathered households is fixed as of that day and cannot be expanded thereafter.

New section 339(a)(2)(B) allows a satellite operator to provide both a local and a distant signal of a network to a subscriber who is unserved over-the-air by a Grade B signal of the network's local affiliate, so long as the satellite operator was offering the local signal of the network pursuant to section 338 by Jan. 1, 2005, and complies with certain notice obligations. If the satellite operator was not offering the local signal of the network pursuant to section 338 by Jan. 1, 2005, the satellite operator may provide both the distant and local signals to the subscriber only if the subscriber sought to subscribe to the distant signal before the satellite operator made the local signal available, and the satellite operator meets certain notice obligations.

New section 339(a)(2)(C) provides that a satellite operator may not provide a signal of a distant affiliate of a network to a consumer if the consumer is not lawfully receiving the signal from the satellite operator on the date of enactment of SHVERA and the consumer seeks to receive the distant signal after the satellite operator began making the local signal of that network available in the market.

New section 339(a)(2)(D) allows a local affiliate to waive any of the limitations in section 339(a)(2) as they apply to the retransmission, into the local affiliate's local market, of the distant signals of a station affiliated with the same network. The waiver can be as broad or as narrow as the affiliate wants. For example, a local affiliate can waive the application of section 339(a)(2) to one or more consumers in the local market, with respect to one or more specific distant affiliates of the same network, and with respect to one or more satellite operators. The broadcaster may do so as part of a negotiated agreement and for any reason, including common ownership among the stations. This is intended to be a private negotiation, not one over which the FCC or any other governmental body must preside; nor must any governmental body grant or approve the waiver. Whether to grant a waiver is a decision to be made solely based on the broadcaster's own business judgment, although a broadcaster may grant a waiver as part of an agreement made with a satellite operator or other parties. A broadcaster is also not required to execute any particular document as part of the waiver process, although parties who intend to rely on such a waiver or any attendant agreement will likely want to reduce the waiver and the agreement to writing, so that they have something to refer to should any dispute arise in the future. Such waivers are distinct from the waivers referred to in section 339(c)(2) of the Communications Act, al-

though broadcasters are free to execute both types of waivers in tandem or with a single document. Unlike the section 339(c)(2) waivers, broadcasters must affirmatively grant section 339(a)(2)(D) waivers; they shall not be deemed granted by the broadcaster just because the broadcaster has not responded to a request within a certain amount of time. Nor are section 339(a)(2)(D) waivers or agreements subject to the section 325 good-faith negotiation requirement. Section 339(a)(2)(D) will facilitate agreements that provide consumers with more viewing choices.

New section 339(a)(2)(E) requires satellite operators to provide networks, within 60 days after enactment of SHVERA, with lists of certain subscribers to whom they offer distant signals. It also requires satellite operators, within 60 days after commencing in a market local-to-local service under section 338, to provide networks with lists of the subscribers to whom they offer certain distant signals. The notice obligations are designed to help networks monitor compliance with the new "no-distant-where-local" requirements that SHVERA creates.

New section 339(a)(2)(F) makes clear that the distant-signal limitations of section 339(a)(2) do not apply to the provision of significantly viewed signals under new section 340, or to the provision of distant signals to trucks and recreational vehicles.

Nothing in section 204 of the bill is intended to affect any existing waivers under section 339(c)(2) of the Communications Act.

#### H.R. 4518, THE SATELLITE HOME VIEWER EXTENSION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following remarks for the Record.

We have before us H.R. 4518, the "Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004" (SHVERA). The bill will also be known as "The W.J. 'Billy' Tauzin Satellite Television Act of 2004," in honor of our former House Energy and Commerce Committee chairman. Naming this bill after Chairman Tauzin is only fitting, as he has done so much to foster the growth of satellite television, increase television service competition, and improve choices for consumers. Chairman Tauzin is currently recovering from a bout with cancer. My understanding is that he is doing so with his characteristic vigor and good humor, and is faring well. I am sure all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

H.R. 4518 reauthorizes certain expiring communications and copyright act provisions that govern the retransmission of broadcast television signals by direct broadcast satellite (DBS) providers such as DirecTV and EchoStar. It also modernizes other provisions to enhance consumer choice, increase parity between satellite and cable operators, and further promote competition. Because the bill implicates both communications and copyright issues, the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Judiciary Committee have worked closely in drafting the legislation.

Indeed, pursuant to a compromise between the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, H.R. 4518 has now been amended to combine its copyright provisions with the Communications Act provisions of H.R. 4501. H.R. 4501 resulted from an extensive examination of satellite television issues in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held an oversight hearing on March 10, 2004, and a legislative hearing on April 1, 2004. The Subcommittee then marked up legislation on April 28, 2004, and the full Committee marked up legislation on June 3, 2004. That legislation became H.R. 4501. The Committee filed a report on H.R. 4501 (H. Rept. 108-634) on July 22, 2004.

What follows is a section-by-section analysis of some of the Communications provisions in Title II of H.R. 4518, as amended, that have changed from the provisions that originated in H.R. 4501. Mr. Upton, Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, also will address some of the changes.

#### SECTION 202. CABLE/SATELLITE COMPARABILITY

Section 340(a) authorizes a satellite operator to retransmit an out-of-market signal to a subscriber in a community if the signal is significantly viewed over the air in the community. A satellite operator may carry such a signal whether or not the station is affiliated with a network, as evidenced by section 340(a)'s reference to the carriage of "the signal of any station located outside the local market" that is significantly viewed, as opposed to any "network station" (emphasis added). In the cable context, the FCC allows a cable operator to carry the digital signal of a broadcast station as significantly viewed once the FCC has ruled that the analog signal of the station is significantly viewed. In re Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals, CS Docket No. 98-120, First Report and Order & Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 01-22, at ¶ 100. In implementing Section 340, the FCC should treat satellite operators in a comparable fashion to cable operators to the greatest extent possible with respect to carriage of significantly viewed stations, in terms of both current and future significant viewings.

Section 340(a) also provides that a satellite operator may carry an unlimited number of significantly viewed signals, just as a cable operator may. Section 340(a) does so by explicitly stating that satellite operators may retransmit such signals "[i]n addition to the broadcast signals that subscribers may receive under section 338 [governing carriage of local signals] and 339 [governing carriage of distant signals]." This clarification for significantly viewed signals is necessary because section 339 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 339) prohibits a satellite carrier from providing a household with the signals of more than two distant affiliates of a particular network per day.

Section 340(a)(1) provides that satellite operators are allowed to carry as significantly viewed any signal that the FCC has previously determined to be significantly viewed for purposes of cable carriage subject, however, to the FCC's network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity rules. Satellite carriers are authorized upon enactment of SHVERA to carry such signals.

Section 340(a)(2) provides that satellite operators may also carry as significantly viewed any signals that the FCC determines in the future to be significantly viewed, so long as the FCC applies the same criteria to determine whether a signal is significantly viewed for purposes of both cable and satellite carriage. The FCC may also make significantly viewed determinations in areas without cable service, again, so long as it uses the same criteria as it applies in determining whether a signal is significantly viewed for purposes of cable carriage. Because current regulations provide only for cable carriage of significantly viewed signals, the FCC now bases significantly-viewed determinations on cable communities. In areas of the country that do not have cable service, there is no cable community. Section 340(a)(2) is intended to allow satellite operators to carry a significantly viewed signal in a community where no cable franchise exists so long as the signal is significantly viewed in the community based on the same quantitative criteria as currently apply to cable operators. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 76.5(i), 76.54. Section 340(i)(3) authorizes the FCC to define what constitutes a satellite community for these purposes. Any signal the FCC determines to be significantly viewed for purposes of satellite carriage in an area where cable is not present would also be significantly viewed for cable carriage should a cable operator enter the community in the future. The FCC shall maintain a unified list of significantly viewed stations and communities, which will apply to both cable and satellite operators.

Section 340(b)(1) provides that a satellite operator may retransmit a significantly viewed analog signal of a distant network station to a subscriber in a local market only if the subscriber also receives local-into-local service under section 338 of the Communications Act. Similarly, section 340(b)(2)(A) conditions retransmission to a subscriber of a significantly viewed digital signal of a distant network broadcast station on retransmission to that subscriber of a digital signal broadcast by a local affiliate of the same network.

Section 340(b)(2)(B) prevents the satellite operator from retransmitting a local affiliate's digital signal in a less robust format than a significantly viewed digital signal of a distant affiliate of the same network, such as by down-converting the local affiliate's signal but not the distant affiliate's signal from high-definition digital format to analog or standard definition digital format. Section 340(b)(2)(B)(i) requires carriage of the "equivalent bandwidth" to recognize, for example, that a local affiliate may be multicasting while a distant affiliate of the same network may be broadcasting in high-definition, and to ensure that the local affiliate's choice to multicast does not prevent the satellite operator from retransmitting a significantly viewed signal of a distant affiliate of the network that chooses to broadcast in high-definition. Section 340(b)(2)(B)(ii) requires carriage of the "entire bandwidth" to ensure that a satellite operator may still retransmit a distant significantly viewed digital signal of a network affiliate in a more robust format than a digital signal of a local broadcaster of the same network so long as the satellite operator is carrying the digital signal of the local affiliate in its original format. For example, if a local broadcaster chooses to transmit only a single, standard definition digital broadcast stream, the satellite operator may still retransmit

multicast or high-definition streams from a distant affiliate of the same network if the satellite operator carries the local broadcaster's standard definition stream and meets the other conditions for the provision of significantly viewed signals. Section 340(i)(4) directs the FCC to define "equivalent bandwidth" and "entire bandwidth" by regulation. Section 340(b)(2)(B) is not intended to prevent a satellite operator from using compression technology; to require a satellite operator to use the identical bandwidth or bit rate as that used by the local or distant broadcaster whose signal it is retransmitting; or to require a satellite operator to use the identical bandwidth or bit rate for a local broadcaster as it does for a distant broadcaster. Nor is section 340(b)(2)(B) intended to affect a satellite operator's carry-one, carry-all obligations, or the definitions of "program related" and "primary video."

The limitations of section 340(b)(1) and section 340(b)(2) specifically apply only to carriage of "network stations." Non-network broadcast stations by definition do not belong to a network. Thus, the limitations in section 340(b)(1) and section 340(b)(2) do not restrict a satellite operator's carriage of a significantly viewed signal of a non-network broadcast station.

Section 340(b)(3) provides that the absence of an affiliate of a particular network in a local market does not prevent a satellite operator from retransmitting a significantly viewed signal of a distant broadcast station from that network. Many markets do not have a full complement of network affiliates. This provision allows a satellite provider to retransmit into such a market a distant significantly viewed analog signal of a network broadcast station even though the market does not have a local affiliate from the same network. Similarly, it allows a satellite operator to retransmit into a market a distant significantly viewed digital signal of a network broadcast station if the market does not have a local affiliate from the same network.

Section 340(b)(4) allows a local network affiliate to waive the limitations in sections 340(b)(1) or 340(b)(2) as they apply to the retransmission, into the local affiliate's local market, of a significantly viewed signal of a distant station affiliated with the same network. The waiver can be as broad or as narrow as the affiliate wants. For example, a local affiliate can waive the application of sections 340(b)(1) or 340(b)(2) to one or more consumers in the local market, with respect to one or more specific distant affiliates of the same network, and with respect to one or more satellite operators. The broadcaster may do so as part of a negotiated agreement and for any reason, including common ownership among the stations. This is intended to be a private negotiation, not one over which the FCC or any other governmental body must preside; nor must any governmental body grant or approve the waiver. Whether to grant a waiver is a decision to be made solely based on the broadcaster's own business judgment, although a broadcaster may grant a waiver as part of an agreement made with a satellite operator or other parties. A broadcaster is also not required to execute any particular document as part of the waiver process, although parties who intend to rely on such a waiver or any attendant agreement will likely want to reduce the waiver and the agreement to writing, so that they have something to refer to should any dispute arise in the

future. Such waivers are distinct from the waivers referred to in section 339(c)(2) of the Communications Act, although broadcasters are free to execute both types of waivers in tandem or with a single document. Unlike the section 339(c)(2) waivers, broadcasters must affirmatively grant section 340(b)(4) waivers; they shall not be deemed granted by the broadcaster just because the broadcaster has not responded to a request within a certain amount of time. Nor are section 340(b)(4) waivers or agreements subject to the section 325 good-faith negotiation requirement. Section 340(b)(4) will facilitate agreements that provide consumers with more viewing choices.

Section 340(c)(1) gives the FCC 60 days from enactment of SHVERA to publish a consolidated list of the current stations and the communities in which they are significantly viewed, as well as to commence a rulemaking proceeding to implement new section 340. The FCC will have one year from enactment of SHVERA to complete the rulemaking.

Section 340(c)(2) requires the FCC to make the significantly-viewed list publicly available in electronic form, and to update it within 10 business days of any modifications. Ways it may do so include posting the list on the Internet or making an electronic file of the list available for download.

Section 340(c)(3) makes clear that satellite operators may petition the FCC to add stations or communities to the significantly-viewed list as well as to have the network nonduplication or syndicated exclusivity rules applied in certain communities to stations on the list.

Section 340(d)(1) makes clear that carriage in a local market of a distant significantly viewed signal is not mandatory. Cable operators are under no obligation to carry in a local market a distant significantly viewed signal, and satellite carriage of such a distant signal in a local market is to be similarly voluntary. Section 340(d)(1) also makes clear that any right of a station to have its signal carried in a local market under the carry-one, carry-all provisions of section 338 is not affected by the significantly viewed status of the signal in another market.

Section 340(d)(2) provides that the status of a distant signal as significantly viewed does not affect whether a satellite operator must get retransmission consent to carry that signal into a local market. Cable operators must obtain retransmission consent to carry distant significantly viewed signals into a local market and the same obligation shall apply to satellite operators. If the satellite operator is exempt from having to obtain retransmission consent for other reasons, however, then retransmission consent would not be necessary. For example, a satellite operator is exempt under section 325(b) (47 U.S.C. § 325(b)) from having to obtain retransmission consent when providing a distant signal of a network to an unserved subscriber who cannot receive an adequate over-the-air signal from an affiliate of the same network. The satellite operator would still be exempt from having to negotiate retransmission consent when providing a significantly viewed signal if it was providing it as a distant signal to an unserved consumer.

Section 340(e) allows the FCC to apply its network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity rules to "remove" stations from the significantly viewed list as applied to satellite operators in a similar manner as it currently does

with cable operators. Many, if not all, broadcast stations enter into contracts to be the sole providers of particular network or syndicated programming within a certain geographic radius. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 76.93, 76.103. When broadcast stations do so, the FCC's network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity rules generally require cable operators to black out the duplicative programming when they retransmit signals from distant stations into the protected areas. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 76.92, 76.101. If the FCC determines that a distant signal is significantly viewed in a community, the FCC exempts the signal from the network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity rules so that the cable operator can carry the distant signal, including the duplicative programming, into the local market. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 76.92(1), 76.106(a). If the signal ever loses viewership such that it no longer qualifies as significantly viewed, the FCC does not literally remove the signal from the significantly viewed list, but parties can petition the FCC to re-impose the blackout obligations.

In the satellite context, however, the network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity rules ordinarily apply only to retransmission of nationally distributed superstations. See 47 C.F.R. 76.120(b), §§ 76.122, 76.123. They do not currently apply to retransmission of distant signals of network stations or non-network stations that are not superstations. Section 340(e)(1) is intended to give the FCC authority to apply the network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity rules to distant signals of network or non-network stations in a way that replicates, where and when appropriate, the way the FCC "removes" signals from the significantly viewed list for cable. Section 340(e)(2) makes clear that section 340(e)(1) does not authorize the FCC to apply the network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity rules to other lawful retransmissions of distant signals of network or non-network stations, such as when a consumer is unserved over the air.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MEREDITH DOCKING

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Meredith Docking, widow of former Kansas Governor Robert Docking, who served as First Lady of Kansas from 1967 to 1975. Meredith Docking passed away on October 27th, at her home in Lawrence, Kansas, after a valiant struggle with pancreatic cancer. Earlier, she lived in Arkansas City, where the Docking family owned Union State Bank.

Meredith Gear Docking was born July 15, 1926, in Elkhart, Kansas, the daughter of George Russell and Irene Griffith Gear. She graduated from the University of Kansas in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in business. She married Robert Docking on June 17, 1950. His father, George Docking, was elected governor of Kansas in 1956 and 1950, ushering into Kansas its current era of two-party politics. Robert Docking, the only Kansan elected governor of the state four times—in 1966, 1968, 1970 and 1972—died in 1983.

Their son, Tom, served as lieutenant governor of Kansas from 1983–1987, under Governor John Carlin. Another son, Bill, now serves as a member of the Kansas Board of Regents.

A woman of grace and dignity, Meredith Docking represented her state during the turbulent times of the late 1960s and early 1970s, served charitable and civic organizations, and participated in Democratic Party political activities with her husband and father-in-law. I enclose in the RECORD as a part of this tribute two articles carried by the local press upon Meredith Docking's death, from The Wichita Eagle and The Lawrence Journal-World, which summarize her activities and impact upon our state. It is fitting that Meredith Docking had named in her honor the "Meredith Rose", a pink rose that is now found in parks and arrangements in Arkansas City, Wichita and Lawrence, Kansas. All Kansans mourn her passing, but as her family members have done, we find inspiration in her life and legacy.

[From the Wichita Eagle, Oct. 28, 2004]

MEREDITH DOCKING, FORMER FIRST LADY OF KANSAS, DIES

(By Beccy Tanner)

Meredith Docking—the first lady of Kansas from 1967 through 1975 and for whom a pink rose is named—died Wednesday at her home in Lawrence. She was 78.

Mrs. Docking was the wife of Robert Docking and the daughter-in-law to George Docking, both Kansas governors. Her son, Tom, was lieutenant governor. "From my perspective, she was a great mother, very supportive of the family and tried to help each family member do what was important to them," said William Docking of Arkansas City. "But personally, she didn't care much for politics. She recognized how important the political process is and was for so many of our family members—but she was a private person and did not care for politics."

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Christian Church in Lawrence.

Meredith Gear was born July 15, 1926, in Elkhart. She received her bachelor's degree in business from the University of Kansas in 1947. Her husband, Robert, graduated from KU in 1948. They married in 1950 and lived in Arkansas City, where he was president of Union State Bank. Robert Docking also served Arkansas City as a city commissioner and mayor until 1966, when he was elected governor. "She fit nicely in the mold of first ladies of that era—who were more traditional," said her son, Tom Docking of Wichita.

Mrs. Docking was first lady of Kansas at a time when national politics and world events were volatile—the United States was caught up in the Vietnam War, university students throughout the nation were holding protests, and race riots were breaking out in major cities.

Mrs. Docking's role as first lady was to entertain dignitaries and conduct tours of the governor's mansion. When Bobby and Ethel Kennedy came to Kansas, they stayed with the Dockings.

After her husband's four terms as governor, Mrs. Docking helped establish the Docking Faculty Scholar Program at KU. She also served on several boards throughout the state. Her husband died in 1983. In January, Mrs. Docking learned that she had pancreatic cancer. "My mother always believed that if you had 75 good years you ought to consider yourself fortunate," Bill Docking said. "She was 77 when she was diagnosed and died when she was 78. There was no hand-wringing or asking 'Why me?' She was not fearful of death in any way."

April 30 of this year was designated "Meredith Docking Day" and Arbor Day in Arkansas City. The cities of Lawrence, Wichita and Arkansas City have planted hundreds of pink "Meredith" roses named in her honor.

She is survived by her sons, William, Arkansas City, and Tom, Wichita; a sister, Virginia Winslow, Bradbury, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

[From the Lawrence Journal-World, Oct. 28, 2004]

FORMER FIRST LADY DOCKING DIES

(By Mike Belt)

Former first lady of Kansas and longtime Kansas University benefactor Meredith Docking died Wednesday at her home in Lawrence. "She was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and she had great relationships with so many friends," said her son, Bill Docking. "She lived an interesting life."

Meredith Docking, 78, the wife of the late governor Robert Docking, died a few minutes after 6 a.m. with her family around her. Bill Docking said she had been diagnosed last winter with terminal pancreatic cancer. "Throughout her illness she was so brave," said close friend Kitty Hagen, of Lawrence. "She was a great wit and a lot of fun."

Robert Docking served as governor from 1967 to 1975. But while the family lived in the governor's Cedar Crest mansion in Topeka, Meredith never lost her simple ways, Hagen said. "She was one of the first ladies who didn't go over her budget," Hagen said. "She was very thrifty. She was as thrifty with the state's money as she was with her own."

At the same time, Meredith Docking often donated money to worthy causes anonymously, Hagen said. "She did a lot of things people, including her family, didn't know about," Hagen said. "She never failed to do what she could to help."

Meredith Docking was a longtime supporter of KU, a member of the KU Alumni Association and the Outlook Society, which honors donors of \$500,000 or more through the Chancellor's Club, KU Endowment's major-donor organization.

In 1999, she donated \$1 million to KU to create the Docking Faculty Scholars Award to honor and keep exceptional KU teachers and scholars. "Meredith Docking's gifts to the university, as a volunteer, a donor and an inspiration, were felt throughout the campus," KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway said.

She graduated in 1947 from KU, where she met her husband, the future governor who graduated in 1948. Gov. Kathleen Sebelius noted Meredith Docking's civic contributions and "quiet strength." "For eight years Meredith Docking represented Kansas with grace, dignity and warmth as our first lady," Sebelius said. "After leaving Cedar Crest, she maintained a respected presence throughout the state and was always a great booster of the state of Kansas."

Meredith Docking was well-known for her fondness for roses and was involved in beautification efforts in Arkansas City and in Lawrence, where she had lived. For her 75th birthday her family commissioned a California company to create a rose in her honor, Bill Docking said. They named it the Meredith Rose, and many of them can be found in Arkansas City parks and in Wichita. In Lawrence the Meredith Rose is in front of the Lawrence Visitor Center, 402 N. Second St., and in the Audio-Reader Garden next to the Behr Audio-Reader Center at KU. "It's really a lovely pink rose and very fragrant," Bill Docking said.

Meredith Docking loved watching the TV show "Jeopardy," which once featured a question about the Kansas governor, and host Art Fleming mentioned that the governor's wife was a big fan of the show, Bill

Docking said. Fleming signed the card with the question on it and sent it to the Dockings. Margaret Gilliland, of Arkansas City, and Meredith Docking were Chi Omega sorority sisters at KU in the 1940s. "She absolutely loved to play bridge," Gilliland said. "And as long as Bob was alive, she was definitely a Democrat."

Former Arkansas City state Rep. Jack Shriver joked that Meredith Docking kept her husband in line. "The whole time she was in politics, I don't think she made a single enemy, and that's saying a lot," Shriver said.

Kansas Democratic Party Chairman Larry Gates called her death a big loss to the state. "She was really one of the few left from that era," Gates said. "We are losing some really wonderful, colorful people."

Meredith Docking, however, didn't enjoy the limelight of politics, Bill Docking said. "She knew how important it was for several members of the family, and she was always supportive of their efforts, as she was supportive to all of her family," he said.

Memorial services for Meredith Docking will be 10 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church.

#### HONORING KATHRYN A. HEIN ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED FEDERAL SERVICE

##### HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, at the end of the 108th Congress, my Chief of Staff and loyal friend, Kathy Hein, will be retiring from federal government service after a twenty-seven year career as a dedicated and distinguished public servant.

Growing up in DePere, Wisconsin, Kathy found political inspiration at an early age when in high school she volunteered to help Eugene McCarthy's efforts to win the Democratic nomination for President. Four years later, she volunteered again for George McGovern's campaign.

Graduating with a degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, she began her professional political career managing Fr. Robert Cornell's successful congressional bid. After being employed in the office of Governor Pat Lucey and Governor Marty Schreiber, she moved to Washington D.C. to work in the congressional office of my late colleague, Representative Les Aspin.

Following the unexpected passing in 1984 of my predecessor, Representative Clem Zablocki, Kathy became an invaluable asset in my successful campaign to win the Wisconsin Fourth Congressional District Democratic Primary. Since that time she has shown tremendous dedication to me and the people of Wisconsin's Fourth Congressional District. Whether it was responding to constituent requests, managing the office, or catering to my needs, over the last twenty years she has given her all to provide the best possible service to our constituents.

When Kathy is not working in the office, she can often be found at home creating culinary delicacies, and is especially famous for her amazing desserts which my staff and constituents have benefited from over the years. She has an abiding love for dogs, and has made

several wonderful canines part of her family over the years, the latest of which is her Josie. And she enjoys spending time with her loving husband of twenty-three years, Gordon Werner.

The great labor leader Walter Reuther once said, "There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, and fellow Wisconsinites, my friend Kathryn A. Hein has "done it well." She heard the call to public service and responded with enthusiasm, commitment, and perseverance. Please join me in congratulating her on an illustrious career in federal service and wish her well as she embarks on new adventures.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANDY FAUTHEREE

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Andy Fautheree, a dedicated Veterans Service officer from Archuleta County, Colorado. He has made a difference in the lives of Colorado veterans and I have the privilege of standing before this body of Congress and this Nation to recognize his impeccable record of service.

Andy began working for the veterans service three years ago, and in that short time has made numerous strides in improving the lives of veterans in Archuleta County. He has increased the number of enrolled veterans receiving compensation and pension claims from 750 to 1,300 and has streamlined many of the procedural hassles of paperwork by entering the data in computer programs that are now utilized throughout the state. Andy helps veterans to go after lost medals, acquire life and health insurance, education benefits, and income-based pensions. For his efforts Andy received the 2004 Outstanding Veterans Service Officer award from the Colorado Department of Veterans Affairs for his outstanding commitment and improved service to the veterans of Archuleta County.

Mr. Speaker, Andy Fautheree has shown an amazing dedication in helping Colorado's veterans. He has improved the lives of members of his community and I am honored to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation today. Keep up the good work Andy, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

#### A TRIBUTE TO GLENN E. PORZAK

##### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Glenn Porzak, a world-renowned mountain climber who has remained an active climber and contributor to the climbing community even into his 50s. Glenn has not only excelled at the physically challenging ascents of the world's tallest peaks, he has

also developed a distinguished reputation as a staunch legal defender of his client's water rights as well as a contributing member of his community.

Glenn recently returned to his home in Boulder, Colorado, from successfully reaching the summit of Cho Oyu, the world's sixth-highest peak in the Himalayas. Like all of the high peaks in the world, the 26,940-foot Cho Oyu is a challenging peak, and his ascent is a noteworthy achievement. This achievement is even more impressive given that it marks his fifth successful ascent of one of the world's 14 peaks higher than 8,000 meters (26,250 feet). With the ascent of Cho Oyu, Glenn has now reached the summit of one of these high peaks in each of the past three decades. He previously summited Mt. Everest, Makalu (the fifth highest in the world), Mount Shisha Pangma (the thirteenth highest) on which he made the first American ascent, and Lhotse (the fourth highest) on which he also led the first American ascent.

For those who climb high peaks and know of the physical demands, logistical complications and harsh environmental conditions involved, having the stamina and wherewithal to continue these climbs is remarkable. And he did it with the help of his expedition team, which was made up of members who were each over 50. As Glenn put it in a recent news story in the Boulder Camera about this ascent, "Many people are familiar with the adventure book 'Into Thin Air' [the Jon Krakauer book about the illfated Everest expedition in 1996 when five people lost their lives]. Well, we referred to our 50-something expedition as 'Into Gray Hair.'"

Glenn carries his energy and enthusiasm for climbing into his law practice and his other activities. He is very dedicated to his law practice, where he works to further Colorado's environmental causes on issues such as water rights, conservation and real property law. Glenn somehow also finds time to lead and work for numerous community efforts such as a Board of Trustee of the University of Colorado, past chairman of the board for the Colorado Outward Bound School, and president of the American Alpine Club and the Colorado Mountain Club. Anyone that knows Glenn can attest to his incredible stamina and enduring perseverance.

Glenn is a lifelong resident of the State of Colorado. He graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder, receiving a Bachelor of Arts with distinction in 1970 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1973. After completing his education, he quickly became a member of one of the oldest and largest law firms in the Rocky Mountain West, Holme Roberts & Owen LLC. Glenn went on to become a partner with this firm in 1980 and remained so until 1996, when he became the managing partner of Porzak Browning & Bushong LLP. It was during this time that he began to specialize in environmental law.

Over the course of Glenn's 31-year career, he has worked tirelessly to provide all Coloradans with sound legal counsel on many issues. His focus on conservation and water litigation has been the key to his many successes. Some of his notable achievements include: Obtaining the first federal contracts for water from Green Mountain and Ruedi Reservoirs; negotiating the wide-ranging agreement between the Denver Water Department

and Summit County to secure water for residents; successfully adjudicating over 125 applications for water rights, changes of water rights, and plans for augmentation and exchange; and negotiating major conservation easements and open space acquisitions for the Meadowdale Ranch, Lily Lake, Caribou Ranch, and Cal-Wood Ranch, all important open space projects in Colorado.

Most likely due to his extensive knowledge of and love for the environment, Glenn has taken it upon himself to become an elite and avid mountain climber. He completed over 1,100 summer and winter ascents of peaks over 11,000 feet and climbed numerous other mountains around the world. Because of these experiences, Glenn has been asked numerous times to contribute written pieces for outdoors publications. He has also led various mountaineering clubs and organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the ongoing achievements of Glenn Porzak in mountaineering and in conservation law. Following his ascent of Cho Oyu, Glenn has been quoted as saying that it's time that he started acting his age and suggesting that his expeditions to summit peaks higher than 26,250 feet are over. As those who know Glenn are aware, he has said this before. So, I would not be surprised to see Glenn back on the mountain making yet more climbs. The allure of the outdoors and the majestic peaks are that strong. It is the same allure that calls me to the outdoors and the adventurous challenges that they present. Glenn's passion for the outdoors and his legal work are an inspiring reminder of the determination of the human spirit to surmount any obstacle and meet any challenge—and especially that age needs not be a limiting factor. I'm sure that Glenn will remain active in these and other important endeavors.

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DEATH OF RAUL BESTEIRO,  
"MR. B"

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, this week my heart is heavy with the sad news of the passing of a unique and beloved patriot, Raul A. Besteiro Jr., known affectionately throughout South Texas, and around the world, as "Mr. B." His death has devastated the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, where he was simply a legend.

Mr. B was just an exceptional human being. He did in the course of his life what all of us want to do, he literally changed people's lives . . . locally, nationally and internationally. His name was so synonymous with Brownsville that many people actually thought that "Mr. B" meant "Mr. Brownsville."

He touched the lives of thousands of young people in Brownsville as an educator and school administrator in his early years. He was their role model, surrogate parent, teacher, inspiration, motivator and champion.

He was a force within the national business community in persuading the Congress to pass NAFTA, giving South Texas the economic opportunity and the development tools to attract more commerce—and better jobs—to Brownsville. He was my powerful ally in working to improve the economic cir-

cumstances and vitality of the Rio Grande Valley.

Over the last decade, with NAFTA in place, he turned his attention to harnessing global trade routes to the Valley and the Port of Brownsville, a task now only partially complete.

He remained an important part of improving the lives of young people in South Texas—and the Nation—through his work with the University of Texas at Brownsville, and with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's intern and fellowship programs.

I loved Mr. B so much, and relied heavily on his counsel and his friendship. He loved trains; whenever I see a train, I think of Mr. B. I will miss him personally and professionally. Yet it is the Rio Grande Valley of Texas and the Port of Brownsville that will miss the presence of his sweet soul most profoundly.

Brownsville has lost three legends in 2004: Senior U.S. District Judge Filemon B. Vela, U.S. Circuit Judge Reynaldo G. Garza, and now Mr. B. Brownsville Public Utilities Board member Cris Valadez offered a beautiful tribute when he said, "In Spanish there's an old saying that we don't bury men like Mr. B; we plant them in hopes that others like him will grow and be here with us because it will be a better world."

Mr. B gave so much of himself to his community; he was a principled example to all those around him. He was the principal of Brownsville High School; he was superintendent of the Brownsville Independent School District; he was elected president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; he became director of the Port of Brownsville; he was the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College Distinguished Alumnus in 2000; he was named to the Legends of Texas Hall of Fame; he served as Chairman of the Board of the International Bank of Commerce for Cameron County; he was vice chair of the Brownsville & Rio Grande Railroad; he was a member of the Institutional Development Board at the University of Texas at Brownsville; he was a member of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership; he was board president of the Historical Brownsville Museum; he was elected vice-chairman of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board in 2004; and he was a leader in the local Salvation Army, Red Cross, United Way of South Texas and the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I hope when you say your prayers tonight, you will ask God to bless Mr. B's family—his beloved wife Mina and their children—as they learn to live without him; and pray for the community of Brownsville which has lost such a dear pioneer of our city.

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TRIBUTE TO CLANCY LYALL

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and pay tribute to the service of a valued friend of mine and a courageous veteran from Maryland, Clancy Lyall.

Just last week we observed Veterans Day, where we honored the bravery and sacrifice of

our veterans and their families and all of the men and women who make up our Nation's armed forces.

On June 6, 1944, U.S. Army General Dwight D. Eisenhower sent our troops on a mission to confront one of the world's most tyrannical dictatorships with some notable words of inspiration. "You are about to embark on a great crusade, the eyes of the world are upon you, the hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you."

Despite a tragic number of casualties, the allied forces were ultimately triumphant in liberating Europe and in defending the world from further oppression by ending the control of the brutal and bigoted Nazi regime.

As a member of the E Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, known as the "Band of Brothers" during World War II, Clancy Lyall jumped onto the beaches at Normandy on D-Day, fought at the Battle of the Bulge and helped capture Hitler's "Eagles Nest" retreat.

Sixty years later, on June 6, 2004, Clancy was able to return to Normandy with hundreds of WWII veterans where he participated in the "Normandy Mémoire 60th Anniversary", and was awarded by the French Government with a chest badge in Carenton where his unit distinguished themselves in battle.

Southern Maryland is fortunate to have Clancy Lyall in our midst. He has served our community as a loud voice for Veterans and has organized Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades for many years, privileging our community with an opportunity to honor these important observances.

He has also served as the Past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Veterans Service Organization, meaning he has made a choice to not only be a member of the veterans' community, but to take part in the organization and work to further the causes of veterans. And, Clancy has worked to preserve stories of the war through presentations at area high schools so that students are able to begin to truly know and understand the human experiences of World War II.

I know that all my colleagues join me in saluting my friend and representative of one of the true heroes of the "Greatest Generation," Clancy Lyall, for his unwavering devotion to our country, and his uncompromising dedication to our community. Clancy, a grateful Nation is indebted to you for your extraordinary service in war and in peace.

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HONORING HOWARD LEIBOWITZ  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY  
OF BOSTON

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Howard Leibowitz as he completes his service with the City of Boston. Howard served as the director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations for Mayor Thomas M. Menino since 1994, creating strong relationships with members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation and their staff. Howard began his service with the City of Boston in 1987, first as the director of federal relations for Mayor Raymond Flynn



and then as the first press secretary in Mayor Menino's administration.

Howard Leibowitz is a life-long resident of the City of Boston. He grew up in Brighton and Mattapan, attended Boston Technical High School, and currently lives in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood. Howard graduated from Brandeis University and worked in his first political campaign as a teenager.

He served the people of City of Boston and the administration of Mayor Thomas M. Menino admirably. His many accomplishments include authoring the Boston Neighborhood Investment through Capital Expenditures program and the Senior Home Repair Program, helping to draft the federal Community Housing Partnership Act, and providing national leadership through the city's participation with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities. Howard served as part of the teams that brought the Democratic National Convention, two annual meetings of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities' Congress of Cities to Boston. Howard is an active member of his community and is particularly committed to affordable housing and economic growth and development. He was a champion for city's legislative efforts to raise new monies through the Municipal Revenue Package.

Mr. Speaker, Howard was a tenacious and effective advocate for the City of Boston and its constituents during his tenure, developing and fighting for legislation and policies to improve the lives of Boston residents, at the federal, state and local level. I am extremely grateful for his efforts on behalf of many of my constituents and appreciate his hard work and dedication. He will be sorely missed. Howard, congratulations on a job well done.

REMEMBERING U.S. ARMY PFC.  
JACOB S. FLETCHER

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, U.S. Army Pfc. Jacob S. Fletcher died on November 13, 2003, from wounds he suffered when the vehicle he was riding in was hit by an improvised explosive device. Throughout our nation's history we have triumphed over adversity because of the bravery of people like Pfc. Fletcher. In recognition of his sacrifice, I would like to have his mother's touching account of his life read into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

My son, Jacob Samuel Fletcher, was born in Mineola, New York on November 25, 1974. He spent his childhood in Babylon, where he grew up with me, his stepfather Ray, stepbrother Scott and stepsister Tara. He graduated from Babylon High School in 1992. He played lacrosse in his younger years and varsity wrestling in his last year of high school. Jacob always drew and sketched, which was his natural talent. He was gifted with words and wrote eloquently. His passion for music eventually led him to play drums. Jacob gave great love to his family and was known as a loyal and caring friend. He would be there for anyone in need to listen to or help in any way he could. He loved children dearly and was moved by animals of all kinds.

Jacob first tried to join the Army when he was 8 years old by filling out applications in a magazine. He tried twice, but I sent the of-

ficers away when they called for Private Fletcher. He was about to be sworn into the Army when he was 23, but hurt his knee, keeping him out of the service. At 27 he finally joined the Army, with 9/11 being the catalyst to once again fulfill his calling to serve his country. Jacob's training in the Army was completed in Ft. Benning, GA. After his basic training he trained for his paratrooper wings, which he also received at Ft. Benning. He was originally stationed in Vicenza, Italy, where he stayed for 3 months before deploying to Iraq.

He parachuted into Iraq along with 999 other paratroopers in the dark of night. On March 26, 2003, he and the others seized an airfield in Northern Iraq and then went with the Kurds to Kirkuk, Iraq, where he patrolled and went on many missions. He was given 3 days of rest and relaxation in Qatar on November 9. On November 13, on the way back from Qatar, on Highway 1 in Samarra, a bomb hit the bus he was on. My beloved son, along with Joe Manucci was airlifted to a hospital where doctors tried to save him, but he soon died from his injuries.

I know that Jacob had a deep feel for the Iraqi children. He was saddened by the condition that the Iraqis were made to live in. It broke his heart to see the injustice. He had a strong sense of fairness and duty to serve his country. He truly understood what freedom is about and the choices we have to make as Americans.

Jacob is buried at Long Island National Cemetery. The words courage and compassion, which grace his headstone, will tell those who glance his way, that he was a passionate and brave young hero. He takes with him the essence of the Purple Heart, Bronze star, Combat Infantry Badge, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Service Ribbon and Army Service Ribbon.

RESEARCH REVIEW ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

**HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following correspondence for the RECORD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,  
Washington, DC, October 6, 2004.

Hon. JOE BARTON,  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,  
Rayburn House Office Building, Washington,  
DC

DEAR CHAIRMAN BARTON: I am writing concerning H.R. 5213, the "Research Review Act of 2004," which is scheduled for floor consideration today.

As you know, the Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over matters concerning title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Section 4 of the bill requires the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the coverage standards that, under Medicare, apply to patients with inflammatory bowel disease, and thus falls within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means.

However, in order to expedite this legislation for floor consideration, the Committee will forgo action on this bill. This is being done with the understanding that it does not in any way prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding with

respect to H.R. 5213, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration.

Best regards,

BILL THOMAS,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,  
Washington, DC, October 6, 2004.

Hon. BILL THOMAS,  
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,  
Longworth House Office Building, Washington,  
DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5213, the "Research Review Act of 2004," on which the Committee on Ways and Means received a named additional referral upon introduction.

I appreciate your willingness not to exercise your referral on H.R. 5213. I agree that your decision to forego action on the bill will not prejudice the Committee on Ways and Means with respect to its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

I will include a copy of your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 5213 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

JOE BARTON,  
Chairman.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO J.D.  
LUNSFORD

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend J.D. Lunsford from my district as he embarks on a well-deserved retirement from the plumbing and heating business. Lunsford Brothers Mechanical Contractors of Grand Junction, Colorado, stands as a tribute to its founder and his 35 years of dedication to his community. It is my pleasure to congratulate J.D. before this body of Congress and this Nation on a job well done.

A devout member of the First Assembly of God Church, J.D. began his family business with a skill and a prayer. After almost a decade as an employee for another mechanical contractor, J.D. received his master plumber's license and began looking for an opportunity to go out on his own in the plumbing and heating business. With only \$2,000 saved for supplies and materials, J.D. founded Lunsford Brothers Mechanical Contractors. J.D. immediately went to work on a 42-unit condominium in the Colorado Mountains shortly before the beginning of the ski season, coming through in the clutch and firmly establishing a reputation for solid workmanship. Growing Lunsford Brothers into a successful business is the realization of a powerful dream and the beginning of a family tradition of service to the Grand Junction community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to bring J.D. Lunsford to the attention of my colleagues before this venerable body. I would like to join Lunsford Brothers' 45 employees in wishing J.D. luck in what hopes to be a happy and productive retirement. Small businesses like Lunsford Brothers are the backbone of our Nation and encompass the spirit of American enterprise. Congratulations, J.D., and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH  
(AND 95TH) ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE GRAND RAPIDS JAYCEES

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize an organization in my hometown, the Grand Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Jaycees, as they are known, will celebrate both their 75th and 95th anniversaries this Saturday, November 20, 2004.

First, allow me to explain this apparent contradiction. The Jaycees were born as the Grand Rapids Junior Board of Trade Club at Grand Rapids Central High School 95 years ago in 1909 as a training program sponsored by the Grand Rapids Board of Trade and the Grand Rapids Public Schools. The Junior Board of Trade became the Jaycees in 1929 when the program affiliated with the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Since its creation, the club has been an engine of training and community service. In its earliest years, its members raised funds for local orphan newsboys, flu victims and soldiers, and provided chauffeur services at the annual Furniture Market when Grand Rapids was known as the Furniture Capital of the World. In the 1930s, the Jaycees helped lead the campaign to build the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium and a "bigger, better" county airport.

The 1940s saw the Jaycees move Grand Rapids onto the professional sports scene by raising funds to purchase a franchise in the All-American Girls Baseball League (popularized in the movie "A League of Their Own") named the Grand Rapids Chicks. In the 1950s, the club operated what has become an enduring symbol of holiday spirit, the city's Santa Claus Parade, while also starting the area's Junior Achievement program, which today continues to foster the entrepreneurial spirit among local youngsters.

The City of Grand Rapids sought assistance in 1966 to fund city governmental programs and the Jaycees were there to lead a non-partisan campaign to implement a city income tax. In the 1970s and 1980s, the Jaycees

showed leadership by helping to form the West Michigan Environmental Action Council and the West Michigan Burn Unit. It also brought professional golf to the area by starting the Charity Golf Classic, an event that later grew into an official PGA Seniors Tour event. Most recently known as the Farmers Charity Classic, the tournament has raised more than \$3.5 million for local charities since its inception.

The Jaycees' civic involvement continues today. In the last decade, the group built one of the city's finest parks, the Mackay/Grand Rapids Jaycees Family Park and raised funds for the VanAndel Arena, one of the area's premier sports and entertainment venues. Even more recently, Jaycees raised funds for the new DeVos Place convention center and provides school supplies for area children.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that the Grand Rapids Jaycees is a remarkable organization that has provided invaluable leadership in making the Grand Rapids community a better place to live. I hope you will join me in celebrating its 75th and 95th anniversaries and wishing its members many, many more in the future.

TRIBUTE TO LYNN VICTOR

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynn Victor of Santa Rosa, California, who retires after a remarkable 30-year career of creative and innovative work to improve the lives of low-income Americans.

Beginning at the Community Action Council of San Joaquin County in the 1970's, Lynn created innovative solutions to the needs of low-income communities. As energy costs rose, she helped to develop and then administered the Nation's first home weatherization programs funded by state regulated utility companies. Based on its great success, regulated utility companies in 22 states now provide weatherization services to millions of their low-income customers around the Nation. These programs not only help disadvantaged families reduce their energy costs, they also conserve energy for America, helping toward

energy self-sufficiency and reduced dependence on foreign oil.

Lynn then went on to design the Nation's first education program to help low-income and non-English speaking communities understand the deregulation of the telephone industry, enabling them to obtain and keep vital telephone service at the lowest possible cost. She designed a program to help millions of low-income people understand the privacy and security implications of new telephone technology. In this effort, she created education materials in 32 languages and Braille so that, for the first time, major telephone companies were able to reach California's huge immigrant populations through community action agencies, domestic violence shelters and other community based organizations. Once again, this program became a model for utility companies throughout the Nation to understand and address the needs of their hard-to-reach customers and bring them important consumer protection information.

Lynn's work has always featured collaborations with Community Action Agencies (CAA's), our Nation's network of over 1,000 anti-poverty agencies that serve millions of low-income Americans. CAA's operate Head Start, Energy Assistance Programs, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and other services that reach millions of disadvantaged Americans. For the past 4 years, Lynn has worked as Executive Director of the California/Nevada Community Action Partnership, helping this two state association of CAA's address the causes and symptoms of poverty in their communities.

An immigrant born in England, Lynn grew up in New Zealand, arriving in America in 1963. As a single parent of Michael, Elizabeth and Kristina Victor, Lynn had many hardships to face with no family to turn to. However, she found her new family in her community.

Mr. Speaker, as innovator, organizer and inspiration, this remarkable woman exemplifies the spirit of American immigrants who contribute so much to the vibrancy of our Nation. She is leaving her post having set a new standard for all who will follow after her, and she has put into place programs that will serve the neediest of us well in the future. Thank you, Lynn.